

'It's a fine target': Census bureau to fight misinformation

By AMANDA SEITZ and RACHEL LERMAN

CHICAGO (AP) — Worried about internet trolls and foreign powers spreading false news, census officials are preparing to battle misinformation campaigns for the first time in the count's 230-year history.

The stakes are huge. Who participates in the 2020 census count could influence how U.S. congressional seats and billions of federal tax dollars to educate children, help low-income families and pave new roads are divvied up. "It's a fine target," former U.S. Census Bureau director John Thompson said of the form, which is sent every decade to households in America to count the population.

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In this June 27, 2019, file photo, demonstrators gather at the Supreme Court as the justices finish the term with key decisions on gerrymandering and a census case involving an attempt by the Trump administration to ask everyone about their citizenship status in the 2020 census, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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"If you want to disrupt a democracy, you can certainly go about it by disrupting a census."

Already, false and inaccurate social media posts about the census have begun to appear online, where they have been viewed thousands of times. Foremost on everyone's mind are the misinformation wars waged during the last presidential election to confuse U.S. voters.

Fake posts about the census began popping up days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that the Trump administration could not ask about citizenship status on the 2020 census: Conservative bloggers, Twitter users and pundits falsely blamed former President Barack Obama for scrubbing the question from the form in 2010. In fact, the main census form hasn't included a citizenship question since 1950, and the bureau's own analysis found it would discourage people from participating, possibly skewing results.

And last month, sham posts popped up warning online neighborhood chat groups that robbers were scam-



In this April 23, 2019, file photo, immigration activists rally outside the Supreme Court as the justices hear arguments over the Trump administration's plan to ask about citizenship on the 2020 Census, in Washington.

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ming their way into people's homes by asking to check residents' identification for the upcoming census. The online hoax left Census Bureau officials scrambling to get the post removed from Facebook, concerned that census workers who were knocking doors to verify addresses could face trouble. Cyber and census experts worry that trolls and foreign governments will sow more confusion to discourage people from participating

in the census, either for political reasons or to game the allocation of resources. Their main targets? Major U.S. internet platforms such as Google, Twitter and Facebook, according to Dipayan Ghosh, the co-director of Harvard Kennedy School's digital platforms and democracy project. "In terms of the bad actors that are pushing this type of content — absolutely, foreign parties, particularly Russia and China, are concerns in the case of the census, as well as domestic operators," Ghosh added. Government officials spend years preparing for each census, but the extent of Russia's misinformation campaign during the last presidential elections — inaccurate and divisive images, posts and stories on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter that often went viral — wasn't really understood until 2017. That's when Census Bureau leaders began to wonder if the 2020 census could be the next target, Thompson said.

"We were aware of the potential by the time I left," said Thompson, who resigned from his post in June 2017. "We hadn't gotten much further than that." As a first line of defense, census officials have spent months forging relationships with dozens of technology companies that keep close guard on their massive datasets and proprietary information.

The bureau now works di-

rectly with all major platforms — Facebook, Twitter and Google — to help inform people about the mechanics of the census and to stamp out inaccurate information that's swirling around.

"We can communicate with them quickly and try to resolve, whether it's on public forums or in closed groups," said Zack Schwartz, the deputy division chief for the Census Bureau's Center for New Media & Promotion. Both Facebook and Google have told The Associated Press they will set up teams dedicated to stopping misinformation about the census.

Facebook will use a mix of people and artificial intelligence to spot, review and remove troublesome posts. CEO Mark Zuckerberg told Congress on Wednesday that the company would soon release a new census policy similar to its election rules, which prohibit false content about voting hours, location and registration on its site.

"We recognize this is important and this rises above normal hoaxes or misinformation," Zuckerberg said. Similarly, Twitter will use artificial intelligence and employees to spot and remove misleading posts about the census. It will also rely on users to report census misinformation.

The bureau is also working with technology companies to create automated answers to questions about

the census on voice-assisted devices such as Amazon's Alexa and Apple's Siri, Schwartz said. Bureau officials have consulted with Google to identify terms that will help guide internet searchers to official census sites.

There are precedents for such partnerships. Many Silicon Valley companies have worked with governments to manage emergency preparedness, anti-vaccine misinformation and protect voter registration rights.

At the same time, a team of more than a dozen census employees are monitoring social media, scanning for bad tweets and Facebook posts. The bureau will publish its own fact checks on a dedicated "rumors" page. Still, challenges remain.

Debunking misinformation is harder when it's spread through closed sites, such as private Facebook groups.

Such was the case with the warnings of robbers posing as census officials, which spread widely on Facebook and Nextdoor, a social networking site where residents can share messages with neighbors privately.

"Send this on your neighborhood group chat," claimed the posts, which the Census Bureau believes are fabricated. "They are everywhere and they look presentable. Please alert your family and friends."

In Missouri, people continued to share the post even after a local police department declared on Facebook and Nextdoor that no such crimes had been reported.

Stopping people from sharing fake information on social media sites even after it's been debunked is a never-ending battle, said Clifford Lampe, a professor in the School of Information at the University of Michigan.

Just as tech companies and government agencies find new ways of fighting misinformation, trolls find new ways of spreading it, he said. "There's no process by which we can wage a sustained campaign around fighting disinformation," he said, "because it keeps changing." □

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Arkansas lawmaker, civil rights attorney John Walker dies

By ANDREW DeMILLO
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — John Walker, an Arkansas lawmaker and civil rights attorney who represented black students in a long-running court fight over the desegregation of Little Rock area schools, has died. He was 82.

The Pulaski County coroner said Walker died at his Little Rock home Monday morning but the cause of death was not yet known. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Walker, a Democrat had represented a Little Rock district in the state House since 2011. He had been involved in some of the state's most high-profile discrimination and civil rights cases, including the desegregation case, which stemmed from a 1982 lawsuit the Little Rock school district filed against the state and neighboring districts over racial disparities that remained decades after the 1957 integration of Central High School.

"What he did in this state made a difference for everyone in this state," state Sen. Joyce Elliott, chairwoman of the Legislative Black Caucus. "I don't think everyone will realize the full measure of that for quite some time."

Federal judges have ruled Little Rock and North Little Rock school substantially complied with a 1998 desegregation plan, and the two remaining districts in the case are seeking release.

Walker had also represented former Razorbacks basketball coach Nolan Richardson in his unsuccessful lawsuit against the University of Arkansas challenging his 2002 firing.

Richardson had claimed he was fired because he

was black and that his free-speech rights were violated.

"He was always the underdog, but would fight to be on top," Richardson said Monday.

In recent years, Walker criticized the state's 2015 takeover of the Little Rock School District because of low test scores at several schools. A federal judge in 2016 dismissed a lawsuit filed by Walker and other attorneys that claimed the takeover was motivated by racial discrimination. The state earlier this month voted to return control of the district to a local board that will be elected in November 2020.

"John always was a gentleman and proved every day that you can get along with people even though there may be disagreements," Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson said in a statement. "He worked tirelessly for the causes he championed and for the people he represented."

Walker spoke out in the House whenever he believed legislation's impact on African-Americans wasn't being considered, and was an outspoken opponent of voter ID requirements. A 2013 voter ID law was struck down by the state Supreme Court, but the Republican Legislature passed a reworked version in 2017 and voters last year placed the requirement in the state's constitution.

"I dare say you'll find any of your colleagues in this body of my color who will support this," Walker said from the House floor as he opposed the 2013 measure. "It doesn't matter what their leanings are. What you're doing in effect is saying we don't care about what you think, we're going to do this anyway." □



In this March 25, 2015 file photo, Rep. John Walker, D-Little Rock, speaks at the Arkansas state Capitol in Little Rock, Ark. - In this March 25, 2015 file photo, Rep. John Walker, D-Little Rock, speaks at the Arkansas state Capitol in Little Rock, Ark.

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House Democrats plan 1st formal vote on impeachment inquiry

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Democrats are laying the groundwork for the next phase of their impeachment inquiry with a vote this week on a resolution to affirm the investigation, set rules for public hearings and outline the potential process for writing articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced a vote on the resolution, which would be the first formal House vote on the impeachment inquiry. It aims to nullify complaints from Trump and his allies — amplified last week when Republicans stormed a secure room used for impeachment interviews — that the process is illegitimate, unfair and lacking in due process.

Despite the move toward a vote, Democrats insisted they weren't yielding to Republican pressure. Pelosi dismissed the Republican arguments against the inquiry, including that impeachment can't begin without formal approval from the House.

"I do not care. I do not care. This is a false thing with them," Pelosi told reporters in the Capitol. "Understand it has nothing to do with them. It has to do with how we proceed."

Trump has cited the lack of a House vote as a reason to refuse cooperation with the impeachment investigation. In the wake of Pelosi's announcement, the White House said nothing had changed.

Pelosi "is finally admitting what the rest of America already knew — that Democrats were conducting an unauthorized impeach-



Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., center, speaks with members of the media after former deputy national security adviser Charles Kupperman signaled that he would not appear as scheduled for a closed door meeting to testify as part of the House impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

ment proceeding, refusing to give the President due process, and their secret, shady, closed door depositions are completely and irreversibly illegitimate," said White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham. Pelosi did not release the text of the resolution but said it would establish procedure for public hearings, authorize the disclosure of closed-door deposition transcripts and set forth "due process rights for the President and his Counsel." It's unclear if that means that White House lawyers will be able to interview witnesses, or if Republicans will be able to call their own. Republicans have noted that the minority had those powers in previous impeachment investigations. House critics of the process were unmoved. Rep. Steve Scalise, the No. 2 House Republican, said Pelosi is "admitting guilt" by holding a vote. "The problem is, they are already starting a tainted process," he said.

Senate Republicans, meanwhile, took a wait-and-see approach. Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin said it was a "good thing" the House was considering a vote. But when asked if Trump should cooperate fully once it passes, he replied, "I'll leave that up to the White House."

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas said the impeachment process had been "disreputable from the beginning." Like other Republicans, he wanted the full details.

Many government officials have cooperated with the inquiry despite Trump's orders. But Pelosi's announcement came just hours after a former White House national security official defied a House subpoena for closed-door testimony, escalating the standoff between Congress and the White House over who will testify.

Earlier Monday, Charles Kupperman, who was a deputy to former national security adviser John

Bolton, failed to show up for the scheduled closed-door deposition after filing a lawsuit asking a federal court in Washington to rule on whether he was legally required to appear. In a statement, Kupperman said he was awaiting "judicial clarity."

House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff said Kupperman's suit has "no basis in law" and speculated that the White House didn't want him to testify because his testimony could be incriminating. Democrats are investigating Trump's pressure on the Ukrainian government to pursue politically motivated investigations as the administration was also withholding military aid to the country.

"If this witness had something to say that would be helpful to the White House, they would've wanted him to come and testify," Schiff told reporters. "They plainly don't."

Schiff said the three committees leading the im-

peachment inquiry will move forward, with or without testimony from Kupperman and other witnesses. Democrats have indicated that they are likely to use no-show witnesses to write an article of impeachment against Trump for obstruction of justice, rather than launching potentially lengthy court battles to obtain testimony.

"We are not willing to allow the White House to engage us in a lengthy game of rope-a-dope in the courts, so we will move forward," Schiff said.

Two current National Security Council staff members, Alexander Vindman and Tim Morrison, are scheduled to appear this week and would be the first White House employees to testify in the inquiry. Morrison's attorney, Barbara Van Gelder, said in an email Monday that if Morrison is subpoenaed, he will appear.

The argument advanced by Kupperman's lawyers turns on his status as a close adviser to the president and may not be available for other administration officials who are lower down the executive branch organization chart or who did not have regular contact with Trump.

Kupperman, his lawyers say, met with and advised Trump on a regular basis and therefore cannot be compelled to testify.

Schiff said over the weekend that he wants Bolton to testify, though that has not yet been scheduled. He told ABC's "This Week" on Sunday that Bolton, who, according to other witnesses, had concerns about the Ukraine policy, "has very relevant information." But he predicted that the White House would fight a Bolton appearance. □



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Utility says power lines may have started 2 California fires

By DON THOMPSON and JONATHAN J. COOPER

Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) —

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. power lines may have started two wildfires over the weekend in the San Francisco Bay Area, the utility said Monday, even though widespread blackouts were in place to prevent downed lines from starting fires during dangerously windy weather.

The fires described in PG&E reports to state regulators match blazes that destroyed a tennis club and forced evacuations in Lafayette, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) east of San Francisco.

The fires began in a section of town where PG&E had opted to keep the lights on. The sites were not designated as a high fire risk, the company said.

Powerful winds were driving multiple fires across California and forcing power shut-offs intended to prevent blazes. More than 900,000 power customers — an estimated 2.5 million people — were in the dark Monday, nearly all of them in PG&E's territory in Northern and Central California.

Southern California Edison had cut off power to 25,000 customers and warned

that it was considering disconnecting about 350,000 more.

PG&E is under severe financial pressure after its equipment was blamed for a series of destructive wildfires during the past three years. Its stock dropped 24 percent Monday to close at \$3.80 and was down more than 50 percent since Thursday.

The company reported last week that a transmission tower may have caused a Sonoma County fire that has forced nearly 200,000 people to evacuate.

PG&E told the California Public Utilities Commission that a worker responded to a fire in Lafayette late Sunday afternoon and was told firefighters believed contact between a power line and a communication line may have caused it.

A worker went to another fire about an hour later and saw a fallen pole and transformer. Contra Costa Fire Department personnel on site told the worker they were looking at the transformer as a potential ignition source, a company official wrote.

Separately, the company told regulators that it had failed to notify 23,000 customers, including 500 with medical conditions, before



A firefighter hoses down a smoldering home destroyed by the Getty fire, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Associated Press

shutting off their power earlier this month during windy weather.

Before a planned blackout, power companies are required to notify customers and take extra care to get in touch with those with medical problems who may not be able to handle extended periods without air conditioning or may need power to run medical devices.

PG&E said some customers had no contact information on file. Others were incorrectly thought to be

getting electricity.

After that outage, workers discovered 43 cases of wind-related damage to power lines, transformers and other equipment.

Jennifer Robison, a PG&E spokeswoman, said the company is working with independent living centers to determine how best to serve people with disabilities.

The company faced a growing backlash from regulators and lawmakers.

U.S. Rep. Josh Harder, a Democrat from Modesto,

said he plans to introduce legislation that would raise PG&E's taxes if it pays bonuses to executives while engaging in blackouts.

The Public Utilities Commission plans to open a formal investigation into the blackouts within the next month, allowing regulators to gather evidence and question utility officials. If rules are found to be broken, they can impose fines up to \$100,000 per violation per day, said Terrie Prosper, a spokeswoman for the commission. □



Authorities investigate after a Port Authority bus was caught in a sinkhole in downtown Pittsburgh on Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

Cranes arrive to remove bus partially swallowed by sinkhole

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Authorities say two cranes have arrived to remove a city bus partially swallowed when a sinkhole opened during morning rush hour in downtown Pittsburgh.

The Port Authority of Allegheny County says the driver and a 56-year-old female passenger were aboard

when the bus plunged into the hole Monday morning. Officials say the passenger was treated at a hospital and released.

Public Safety Director Wendell Hissrich says the bus is sitting on three power lines, two of them 22,000-volt lines. He said there are also fiberoptic cables, and

damage to them could affect communications in the tri-state area.

Hissrich says setting up the cranes and other preparation will take hours. After a 300-ton crane lifts the 14-ton bus, the power and fiberoptic lines and pipes below can be assessed and repaired. □



In this Feb. 19, 2019 file photo, children line up to enter a tent at the Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Children in Homestead, Fla.

Associated Press

Florida child migrant detention facility shuts down

MIAMI (AP) — The Trump administration announced Monday that it is shutting down one of the largest U.S. facilities for child migrants, which had come under intense criticism because of its regimented conditions and the contractor's ties to a freshly departed White House official.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement that it has reduced bed capacity from 1,200 to zero and the contract with Comprehensive Health Services Inc. is set to end on Nov. 30. About 2,000 workers will be let go in the coming days. The Homestead, Florida, facility emptied out in August but had remained operational in case there was no room at shelters for teen migrants who cross the U.S.-Mexico border and end up in government custody. Health and Human Services said the decision to eliminate beds was to "ensure fiscal prudence." Last month, Jonathan Hayes, director of the department's Office of Refugee Resettlement, said the facility was costing \$720,000 a day to run even when no children were left there.

In a letter to Congress, the administration informed lawmakers that the facility was transitioning to "warm status" with no beds but

would retain access to the site in case the number of child migrants rises.

A court filing earlier this year alleged the government was holding migrant children in "prison-like conditions" for months, allowing limited phone calls and ordering them to follow strict rules or face prolonged detention.

Democratic presidential hopefuls turned the Miami-area facility into a campaign stop this summer, when about 2,500 teens were held there. They attacked the administration for holding children in a cramped detention center run by a private company tied to former White House Chief of Staff John Kelly.

The Homestead facility, a former Labor Department Job Corps site, also was used during the Obama administration to hold up to 800 migrants from June 2016 to April 2017.

It reopened in March 2018, but the contractor was then backed by a private equity company Kelly had advised as a board member in the months before joining the Trump administration. The facility held as many as 140 children who were separated from their parents last year as part of a "zero-tolerance" policy that separated thousands of families at the U.S.-Mex-

ico border.

As Homeland Security secretary, Kelly first revealed the U.S. government was considering separating families who were migrating to deter others considering traveling north.

This year, the facility underwent a massive expansion from 1,350 to 2,350 beds. In April, federal officials announced the capacity was growing to hold 3,200 children because of a surge of migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

Three months after leaving the Trump administration in January, Kelly was spotted by protesters touring the facility east of the Everglades in a golf cart. Authorities confirmed he had visited the site on April 4, on behalf of Caliburn International Corp., which owns the contractor Comprehensive Health Services. Five days later, that company was awarded a no-bid contract for \$341 million citing an immediate need to increase bed capacity. The company later publicly announced Kelly had joined the board.

Caliburn has in its executive suite a high-ranking military officer who advised President Donald Trump in his first months in office and a former Department of Defense principal deputy inspector general. □

Feds: Brothers with alleged Hezbollah ties are 'dangerous'

By AMY FORLITI

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Federal prosecutors say two brothers charged with conspiring to export drone parts and technology from the U.S. to Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia in Lebanon are "dangerous" and should remain in custody while they await trial, according to a court document filed Monday.

Usama and Issam Hamade are charged with conspiracy to violate U.S. export laws. Usama Hamade is also charged with smuggling. Prosecutors say that from 2009 to 2013, the Lebanese brothers repeatedly acquired sophisticated technology for drones then illegally exported them to Hezbollah, which the U.S. considers a terrorist organization.

The Hamades were arrested in February 2018 in South Africa and were recently extradited to the U.S. They will appear in a federal court in Minnesota on Tuesday for a hearing to determine whether they will be released pending trial. A third defendant, Samir Ahmed Berro, remains at large.

An attorney for Issam Hamade said in a court filing that his client was a member of the Lebanese Armed Forces, not Hezbollah. An attorney for Usama Hamade made no comment ahead of Tuesday's hearing.

According to an indictment, the parts included inertial measurement units, which can be used to track an aircraft's position, and digital compasses, which can be paired with the inertial measurement units for drone guidance systems. The parts also included a jet engine and 20 piston engines.

Prosecutors wrote that Hezbollah has used drones for many years and that the brothers "present a danger to the United States, and to

other communities around the world."

Prosecutors painted Usama Hamade as a "violent, drunken, gun-toting thug" who threatened to kill a government witness and his family by cutting him "to pieces" and once bragged that he cut off his gardener's arms and bashed his gardener's skull after an apparent theft.

The witness told authorities that he had regular contact with Usama Hamade from 2009 to 2011, and that he and his wife went to Lebanon with Usama Hamade in 2010. When they arrived in Beirut, the witness said, a group of armed men in darkened limos separated him from his wife and drove them with lights and sirens to a flat that Usama called his Beirut home.

The witness said Usama told him the Hamade brothers were both members of Hezbollah, and both brothers had pictures of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in their homes. Usama Hamade also had firearms around the flat and fired shots into the sky. Usama Hamade also filmed the inside of his apartment and posted the video to Facebook. A Hezbollah flag is visible, as well as an assault rifle propped against the nightstand, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said that as he was fighting extradition to the U.S., Usama Hamade said Nasrallah is a spiritual leader and there is nothing nefarious about the photograph. Hamade also said Hezbollah is a political party, not a terrorist organization.

Prosecutors called that "preposterous," saying one of the drone parts acquired is only useful in military applications. They say Skype calls between Usama Hamade and an undercover agent show Hamade said he would be proud to be placed on the U.S. terror list. □

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Man arrested in Texas shooting that left 2 dead, 12 hurt

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — A man suspected of opening fire at an off-campus college party in Texas, killing two people and injuring 12 others, was arrested Monday.

Brandon Ray Gonzales, 23, of Greenville, Texas, was taken into custody less than 48 hours after Saturday's shooting, Hunt County Sheriff Randy Meeks said. Gonzales, who was arrested at the auto dealership where he worked, was booked into the Hunt County jail on a charge of capital murder of multiple persons. Bond was set at \$1 million.

The shooting happened around midnight Saturday outside Greenville, 15 miles (24 kilometers) southwest of a satellite campus of the Texas A&M University System. Authorities believe the shooter may have been targeting just one person at the party of about 750 people, and that others may have been shot at random, Meeks has said.

Kevin Berry Jr. of Dallas and Byron Craven Jr. of Arlington, both 23, were killed, authorities said.

The shooting took place at a Halloween and homecoming party for Texas A&M University-Commerce at a facility called The Party Venue, according to Meeks, though officials said it was not a school-sanctioned event.

Authorities believe the shooter entered the venue, which sits along a highway



This undated photo provided by the Hunt County (Texas) Sheriff's office shows Brandon Ray Gonzales.

Associated Press

in a rural area some 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) from the Greenville city limits, through the back door and began firing with a handgun, Meeks said. It was "complete chaos" after the shots rang out, with hundreds of people including the gunman fleeing, the sheriff said.

Of the 12 people injured, six were shot and six were trampled or hurt by glass, authorities said. Five remained in the hospital — one in critical condition and four in good condition — on Monday, Meeks said. The shooting came as Texas A&M University-Commerce, about 60 miles (97 kilometers) northeast of Dallas, celebrated homecoming weekend. According to its website, it is the second-largest university in the Texas A&M University System. □

Elected Arizona official accused of selling babies suspended

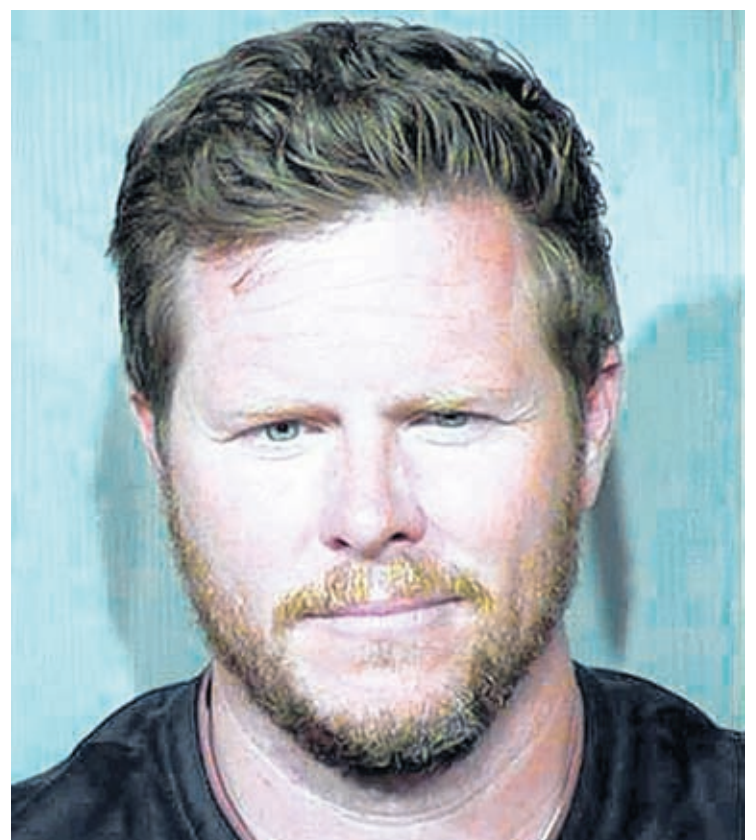
PHOENIX (AP) — An elected official in Arizona was suspended Monday after he was charged with running a human smuggling scheme that brought pregnant women from the Marshall Islands to the U.S. to give birth and then paid them to give up their children for adoption.

Leaders in Arizona's most populous county suspended Assessor Paul Petersen without pay for 120 days. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors doesn't have the power to permanently remove him from his office, which determines the value of properties for tax purposes in Phoenix and its suburbs.

Petersen, who is in federal custody, has so far refused to resign since his arrest on Oct. 8. His lawyer, Kurt Altman, said Petersen will fight to keep the job he was last elected to in 2016.

Petersen, a Republican, has been indicted in federal court in Arkansas and also charged in Arizona and Utah with crimes that include human smuggling, sale of a child, fraud, forgery and conspiracy to commit money laundering. The criminal case spans three years and involves some 75 adoptions, authorities said, with about 30 adoptions pending in three states.

Petersen is accused of illegally paying women from the Marshall Islands to have their babies in the United States and give them up for adoption. The women were crammed into homes owned or rented by Pe-



This undated booking photo provided by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office shows County Assessor Paul Petersen, who has been indicted in an adoption fraud case.

Associated Press

tersen, sometimes with little to no prenatal care, court documents say.

Petersen charged families \$25,000 to \$40,000 per adoption, prosecutors said. Petersen completed a mission in the Marshall Islands, a collection of atolls and islands in the eastern Pacific, for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He later worked in the islands and the U.S. on behalf of an international adoption agency before going to law school and becoming an adoption attorney.

The Board of Supervisors said Monday that Arizona law allows it to suspend Petersen for "neglect of duty,"

citing his absence from the office during his incarceration and limited access to phone and email.

An audit of Petersen's office also found files from his adoption business on his county computer, which can't be used for personal business, the supervisors said.

Board Chairman Bill Gates said the supervisors will look to appoint someone to fill Petersen's position during the suspension.

Petersen is allowed to request a hearing to defend himself. Petersen's attorney said the law allowing elected officials to be suspended may be unconstitutional. □

EU delays Brexit to Jan. 31; Johnson election bid fails

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain got Brexit breathing space but no clarity on Monday when the European Union granted a three-month delay to the U.K.'s departure from the bloc, postponing it until Jan. 31.

British politicians immediately began using the extra time to do what they have done for more than three years: bicker about Brexit. Prime Minister Boris Johnson pushed for an early election as a way of breaking the political deadlock over the country's stalled departure from the EU, only to be rebuffed by lawmakers. Legislators voted by 299-70 for Johnson's motion to hold a Dec. 12 election — short of the two-thirds majority of the 650 members of Parliament needed for it to pass.

Still, an election appears inevitable well before the next scheduled one in 2022 if Britain is to move on from the stasis caused by a prime minister who vowed to deliver Brexit "do or die" and a Parliament that has repeatedly thwarted him. Johnson said he would try again Tuesday, using a different procedure: a bill, which only needs a simple majority to pass.

"We will not allow this paralysis to continue, and one way or another we must proceed straight to an election," Johnson said. Earlier, he had accused



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks to lawmakers during the election debate in the House of Commons, London, Monday Oct. 28, 2019.

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his opponents of betraying voters' decision to leave the EU by thwarting the government's Brexit plans. He said that unless there was an election, the government would be "like Charlie Brown, endlessly running up to kick the ball only to have Parliament whisk it away."

"We cannot continue with this endless delay." Yet further delay stretched ahead after the EU agreed to postpone Brexit until Jan. 31, acting to avert a chaotic U.K. departure just three days before Britain was due to become the first country

ever to leave the 28-nation bloc.

After a short meeting of diplomats in Brussels, European Council President Donald Tusk tweeted that the EU's 27 other countries would accept the U.K.'s request for a "flexextension." Under the terms of the agreement, the U.K. can leave before Jan. 31 — on Dec. 1 or Jan. 1 — if the British and European parliaments both ratify a Brexit divorce agreement.

It's the third time the Brexit deadline has been changed since British voters decided in a 2016 refer-

endum to leave the bloc.

The decision was welcomed by politicians in the U.K. and the EU as a temporary respite from Brexit anxiety — but not by Johnson, who said just weeks ago that he would "rather be dead in a ditch" than postpone the U.K.'s leaving date past Oct. 31.

In the end, the choice was not in his hands. The U.K. Parliament forced Johnson to ask for a delay to avoid a no-deal Brexit, which would hurt the economies of both Britain and the EU. In a letter to Tusk, Johnson said that under U.K. law "I

have no discretion . to do anything other than confirm the U.K.'s formal agreement to this extension."

But he called the delay "unwanted" and said it was "imposed on this government against its will."

Johnson urged the 27 other EU countries "to make clear that a further extension after 31 January is not possible."

Johnson took office in July vowing to "get Brexit done" after his predecessor, Theresa May, resigned in defeat. Parliament had rejected her divorce deal with the bloc three times, and the EU had delayed Britain's scheduled March 29 departure, first to April, and then to October.

Johnson has faced similar political gridlock, as Parliament blocked his attempt to push through his Brexit deal before the October deadline and made him ask the EU for more time.

Johnson hopes voters will give his Conservative Party a majority if there is an election, so that he can push through the divorce deal he struck with the EU and — finally — take Britain out of the bloc.

Opposition parties also want an election, though not on Johnson's terms.

Kirsty Blackman of the Scottish National Party said her party favored a slightly earlier Dec. 9 vote and "we will not be dancing to Boris Johnson's tune on this." □

Libya coast guard intercepts dozens of Europe-bound migrants



In this photo taken on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, migrants stand on a dinghy boat off the coast of Libya.

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Libya's coast guard said Monday it intercepted dozens of Europe-bound migrants off the country's Mediterranean coast the previous day.

A rubber boat with 53 African migrants, including 14 women and two children, was stopped off Libya's western town of Abu-Kemash, about 25 kilometers (15.5 miles) from Tunisia, said the coast guard spokesman, Ayoub Gassim. The migrants were returned to shore late on Sunday and taken to a detention center in the capital, Tripoli, he added.

Libya has emerged as a major transit point for migrants fleeing war and poverty to Europe. In recent years, the EU has partnered with Libya's coast guard and other local groups to stem the dangerous sea crossings.

Rights groups, however, say those policies leave migrants at the mercy of armed groups or confined in squalid detention centers rife with abuses.

The humanitarian aid group Sea-Eye has said that gunmen on Libya-flagged speedboats threatened the crew of its rescue ship

Alan Kurdi and the migrants it was rescuing on Saturday, firing shots into the air and water.

The group's spokesman Gorden Isler told The Associated Press that the incident shocked the rescue crew but that they managed to bring all the roughly 90 migrants on board.

The gunmen on the speedboats fired "warning shots" and pointed mounted guns at the rescuers and the migrants, some of whom had jumped into the water, before pulling away. The ship later headed north, toward Europe, Isler added. □

Merkel party leader under pressure after German election

By GEIR MOULSON

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Angela Merkel's successor as head of Germany's main center-right party defended her leadership on Monday after a state election in which the hard left and far-right triumphed, raising awkward questions for the traditional big parties of the center.

Merkel's Christian Democratic Union and the center-left Social Democrats — postwar Germany's political heavyweights and currently partners in the fractious national government — between them took only 30% of the vote in Sunday's election in the eastern state of Thuringia.

Merkel's party, which led Thuringia for 24 years until 2014, could only finish third behind the ex-communist Left Party and the far-right Alternative for Germany — whose regional leader, Bjoern Hoecke, has come under scrutiny from Germany's domestic intelligence agency for his extremist views. Those two parties took more than half the vote between them.

It was the CDU's fourth poor election performance under Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, Germany's defense minister since July. She has struggled to establish her authority after narrowly winning the party leadership in December and hasn't established herself as the party's unquestioned choice to be the next chancellor.

Kramp-Karrenbauer acknowledged that both governing parties "are preoccupied with internal matters." She said the head of her party's youth branch, Tilman Kuban, questioned her position at a leadership meeting Monday.

She noted that, in the past, when the chancellor is from the CDU, they have traditionally also led the party, because otherwise "unrest" can arise. Merkel chose to step down as party leader. She has said she won't seek a fifth term as chancellor but she does intend to serve out her current term, which is due to end in 2021.

Kramp-Karrenbauer said the situation demands that everyone in the party show "responsibility."

The CDU is currently expected to decide next year on who will run for Germany's top job at the next election.

"I have done justice so far to my responsibility in this debate, and everyone else must decide whether they also want to do justice to this responsibility," Kramp-Karrenbauer said. Anyone who thinks the party needs to do things differently can push for that at a regular congress next month, she said.

The Social Democrats may yet shake up the timetable. The party, whose support dropped below 10% in Sunday's vote in Thuringia, is in the middle of a lengthy process to choose new leadership after its previous chairwoman quit in June. It is unclear whether new leaders will decide to stay in the government after they are installed in December.

Thuringia was, in some ways, a special case: Germany's only Left Party governor, the pragmatic Bodo Ramelow, appeals to voters well beyond the traditional base of the party, which is in opposition nationally.

Sunday's election followed the pattern of two votes in other eastern states in September: the governor's party won at the expense of rivals in the center while large numbers of votes went to Alternative for Germany, which has benefited from many eastern Germans' sense of still being disadvantaged nearly 30 years after reunification.

Germany's main Jewish leader, Josef Schuster, voiced his dismay that nearly a quarter of voters backed Alternative for Germany, which he termed "anti-democratic" and which won votes with "cheap racist propaganda."

"The excuse of a protest vote no longer works," he said.

Along with the outcome of May's European Parliament election and the previous



German Chancellor Angela Merkel attends a Christian Democratic Union party leaders meeting in Berlin, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

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state votes, Sunday's election underlined a picture of

support for traditional mainstream parties eroding.

It raised another tricky question for Kramp-Karrenbauer: how far to stick to the CDU's line that it rules out "coalitions and similar forms of cooperation" with the Left Party, as well as Alternative for Germany. Ramelow's left-wing coalition lost its majority Sunday, but the election produced no majority for any other currently plausible governing alliance.

Several CDU figures spoke out vehemently Monday against a coalition with the Left Party, or even loose cooperation.

Kramp-Karrenbauer said the party is sticking to its line. CDU regional leader Mike Mohring intends to talk to Ramelow, but was vague about what exactly those talks would address. □



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Lebanese protesters get creative as they block roads

BEIRUT (AP) — On a main thoroughfare in Beirut on Monday, Lebanese protesters set up a living room with an area rug, a couch and a refrigerator. On another, they held a morning yoga class. And on a third road, a band with an accordion player sang one of the newest slogans of Lebanon's anti-government protests.

"Hela, hela, hela ho, the road is closed, sweetie," the song went — a reflection of how the protesters have grown more creative as they have blocked roads as part of massive anti-government demonstrations underway for the last 12 days.

The protests are directed at the political elites who have dominated the country since its 1975-1990 war, and who many accuse of corruption and economic mismanagement. The demonstrations have paralyzed the country, and the prolonged closure of banks has raised fears of an economic collapse.

"We are all tired, and we understand that people want to get back to their work, but we cannot stop now," said Dina Yaziji, who joined the protests because, like



Anti-government protesters gathered for an early morning yoga session organized as part of the protest blocking the main highway linking east and west Beirut by tents, stones, and bricks during a protest against the Lebanese government in Beirut, Lebanon, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

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many young Lebanese, she cannot find employment.

"We won't stop until the regime steps down. If anyone has a problem with us let them speak to (President) Michel Aoun and ask him to step down. Then we'll go home."

In many locations, demonstrators have sat or lain in the streets in a form of civil disobedience, forc-

ing security forces to drag them away by their arms and legs. In others, they have blocked routes with overturned dumpsters and burned tires, sending black smoke up into the air. Protesters set fires to block the airport road in Beirut early Monday before Lebanese troops in armored personnel carriers arrived to clear the route.

Lebanese soldiers forcibly removed protesters from a highway linking the southern city of Sidon to the capital, Beirut, and briefly detained around a dozen of them. No weapons were used and there were no reports of serious injuries from the confrontation.

The protests have been largely peaceful, with security forces exercising re-

straint. There have been few reports of arrests or serious injuries since the demonstrations began, and security forces have calmly stood guard around mass rallies held in public squares.

On Sunday, thousands of protesters formed a human chain stretching along major highways in and around Beirut.

Schools, banks and most businesses remained closed Monday, raising concerns that many Lebanese would not be able to receive their salaries at the end of the month. There are also fears of a run on the banks that could further deplete the country's limited supply of foreign currency, potentially affecting its ability to import wheat, fuel and medicine.

The Association of Banks in Lebanon said banks would remain closed Tuesday for a 13th consecutive day "in light of the continuation of popular movements and awaiting the stabilization of general conditions." But the banks said they were determined to pay public sector salaries, especially to members of the security forces, and had enough liquidity to do so. □

Rights groups criticize Tanzania's leader over repression

By **TOM ODULA**
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Four years of Tanzanian President John Magufuli's rule have stifled independent journalism and severely restricted the activities of non-governmental organizations, two international human rights groups said Monday.

With one year to go before the next elections, repressive laws have created an uneven playing field for people challenging the ruling party, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch say in separate reports released jointly.

They say arbitrary arrests and threats to deregister non-governmental groups have stifled reporting and public discussion on al-



In this Nov. 5, 2015, file photo, Tanzania's new President John Magufuli holds up a ceremonial spear and shield to signify the beginning of his presidency, shortly after swearing an oath during his inauguration ceremony at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

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leged human rights violations.

Since his election in 2015 Magufuli has faced criticism for intolerance of dissenting voices in the East African nation.

"As President Magufuli marks four years in office next month, he must carefully reflect on his government's record of ruthlessly disemboweling the country's human rights frame-

work," said Roland Ebole, Amnesty International's Tanzania researcher.

"His government must repeal all oppressive laws being used to clamp down on dissent and urgently end human rights violations and abuses," Ebole added.

"Tanzania should show true commitment to protecting and fulfilling the rights to freedom of expression and association," said Oryem Nyeko, Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch. "The authorities need to put a stop to harassment, intimidation and arbitrary arrests of activists, journalists and opposition members."

Human Rights Watch said it spoke to 80 journalists, bloggers, lawyers, representatives of non-governmental organizations and mem-

bers of political parties for its report.

Amnesty International said it interviewed 68 government officials, representatives of non-governmental and intergovernmental groups, lawyers, academics and others.

The rights groups said that since 2015, Tanzania's government has stepped up censorship by banning or suspending at least five newspapers for content deemed critical. They include Tanzania's major English-language daily newspaper, The Citizen, this year and four others in 2017.

Authorities used the 2015 Cybercrimes Act to prosecute journalists and activists for social media posts, the groups said. □

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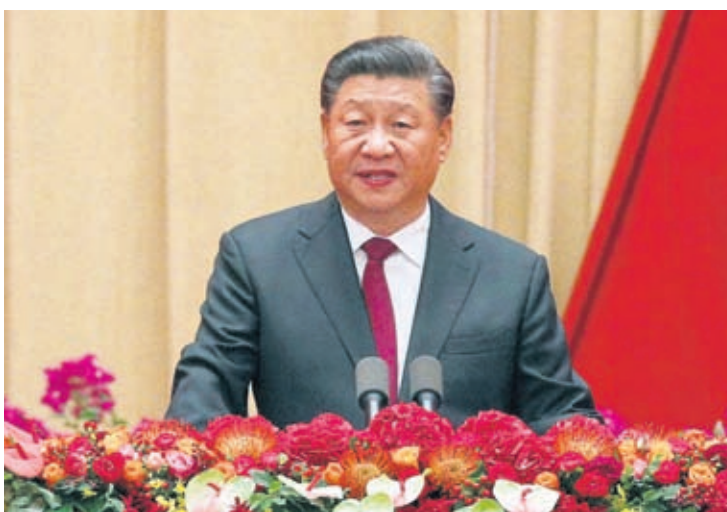
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China's Communists hold key meeting amid rising challenges

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China's ruling Communist Party is holding a key meeting this week amid a drastically slowing economy, ongoing protests in Hong Kong and pushback abroad against Beijing's global ambitions. The official Xinhua News Agency said the party's 19th Central Committee opened its fourth plenary session Monday. It said Xi Jinping, the party's leader and China's president, discussed a draft document on strengthening party rule but gave no details. The document addressed "some major issues concerning how to uphold and improve the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics and advance the modernization of Chi-

na's system and capacity for governance," Xinhua said. China's economic growth slid to 6% in the third quarter of the year, its lowest level in almost three decades amid weakened domestic demand for everything from cars to apartments. Although having little effect on the overall economy, the ongoing trade war with the U.S. has battered the export sector, even while Xi has vowed not to back down. Meanwhile, the anti-government protests in the semi-autonomous territory of Hong Kong show no sign of abating in the face of the Beijing-backed government's refusal to give in to demands for increased government accountability and direct elections for the city's leader. The chaos in Hong Kong has had knock-on effects in Taiwan, the self-govern-



In this Sept. 30, 2019, file photo, Chinese President Xi Jinping speaks at a dinner marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Associated Press

ing island democracy that China claims as its own territory. Support for unifying with China under the "one country, two systems"

framework in place in Hong Kong has dived to almost zero on the island, despite China's repeated threats to annex it by force. Internationally, nations in South-east Asia and elsewhere are challenging Beijing's assertion of sovereignty over virtually the entire South China Sea, while countries such as Australia have protested alleged party interference in their domestic politics. Chinese telecoms equipment giant Huawei has seen both its reputation and business suffer as the result of a concerted U.S. campaign to reject it as a threat to national security. Experts say the party will likely skirt controversial issues to focus on ensuring stability in the years to come. □

Thai police arrest Australian Hell's Angel on drug charges

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Thai police said Monday they have arrested an Australian Hell's Angels gang member who is wanted on drug charges in Western Australia. Police say they arrested Luke Anderson on Thursday after meeting with Australian Embassy officials on the problem of outlaw motorbike gangs. They say they have revoked his visa and will deport him. "We have informed the Australians and they have sent officials to escort him from Thailand to face charges in Australia," said police Maj. Gen. Archayon Kraithong, commander of the Immigration Bureau's Division 3.

"We believe that he probably has more than one outstanding arrest warrant." Police told reporters at a news conference in Bangkok that the arrest warrant dated back to 2017, but gave no details. They said he had been living with his Thai girlfriend in Pattaya, a coastal city notorious for crime and corruption. According to a Thai police press release, Anderson has been arrested more than 20 times in Australia on a number of charges, including possession of illegal weapons and drugs. An officer also confirmed that Anderson had been involved in a violent assault on two Thai brothers

in Pattaya in September 2016, along with two other Australian motorbike gang members. "Several years ago, he committed a crime by assaulting a Thai national," said Archayon. He said Anderson is also suspected of "involvement in illegal trafficking of drugs and weapons, using Thailand as a meeting place, as a base to arrange activities in Australia. We consider him a dangerous person." The Australian head of the Hell's Angels in Pattaya, Wayne Schneider, was bludgeoned to death in 2015 and buried in a shallow grave, in what was thought to be a drug-relat-



An immigration officer uses a timeline information board describing details of Australian national Luke Anderson during a press conference at the Immigration Bureau in Bangkok, Thailand, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

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ed dispute. Fellow Australian Antonio Bagnato was convicted of his murder

and sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted. □

A populist Peronist returns to power as VP in Argentina

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Argentine former President Cristina Fernández, the divisive Peronist leader both loathed and loved in this economically troubled South American country, is once again in a top position of power, a development that rattled investors Monday even as financial experts said it was unlikely the country would fully return to Fernández's populist policies.

Thousands of jubilant supporters of Fernández's running mate and new boss, incoming President Alberto Fernández, celebrated the center-left victory in Sunday's election after conservative incumbent President Mauricio Macri conceded defeat.

"We're coming back! We're coming back!" they chanted, waving sky-blue and white Argentine flags.

Alberto Fernández, who is no relation to the former president, had 48.1% of the votes compared to 40.4% for Macri, with almost 97% percent of the votes counted, election officials said. He needed 45% of the vote to avoid a runoff.

Alberto Fernández served as chief of staff from 2003 to 2007 for Cristina Fernández's late husband and



Peronist presidential candidate Alberto Fernández, right, and running mate, former President Cristina Fernández, address supporters after incumbent President Mauricio Macri conceded defeat at the end of election day in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

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predecessor as president, Nestor Kirchner. He remained in the position during part of Cristina Fernández's term as president but left after a conflict with farmers in 2008.

For many voters, placing the former aide at the top of the ticket made it more palatable. Cristina Fernández, who represents the more radical wing of the Peronist party, is both wildly popular among many and widely despised. She also faces a string of corruption investigations, although she

denies any wrongdoing.

"Today, Alberto is the president of all Argentines," Cristina Fernández told supporters, some of whom brandished tattoos with her and Kirchner's images.

Some worried that the Peronist victory would scare off investors and revive the interventionist policies blamed for squeezing both exports and imports, as well as a busy black market during Cristina Fernández's rule from 2007 to 2015. Argentina's inflation rate already is one of the highest in the

world, nearly one-third of Argentines are poor and its currency has continued to plunge under Macri, who came into power in 2015 with promises to boost South America's second-largest economy and one of the world's top grain suppliers.

Ordinary Argentines are haunted by the country's worst economic collapse, in 2001-2002, when banks froze deposits, the local currency lost about 70% of its value and 1 in 5 people were unemployed. To pro-

tect themselves, many stashed dollars in vaults or under the mattress.

"The last two years have been brutal in Argentina," said Benjamin Gedan, an Argentina expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. "Voters have suffered a painful recession, unimaginably high inflation and a debt crisis. No incumbent could survive in these conditions."

When Alberto Fernández topped party primaries in August, stocks plummeted and the peso depreciated on investor fears of a return to the populist economic policies of Cristina Fernández. Argentina Central Bank president Guido Sandleris said that since then, Argentina has spent about \$22 billion to guard the peso. He also promised Monday to protect the bank's foreign reserves. And immediately after Sunday's election results came in, the Central Bank announced it would sharply limit the amount of dollars that people can buy: to \$200 a month from a previous \$10,000 a month, until December.

Although the peso opened stable Monday at about 65 per dollar, some stocks fell in New York, while others remained stable or climbed slightly. □

Colombia's capital city of Bogota elects first female mayor



Claudia Lopez with the Green Alliance celebrates her election victory as mayor of Bogota, in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's capital city elected its first female may-

or Sunday in what is being hailed as an important advancement for both women and LGBT rights.

Claudia López won the race for mayor of Bogota on a platform promising to combat corruption and advance equal rights for minority communities.

The Alianza Verde candidate captured over 1.1 million votes, or about 35 percent of the vote, defeating runner-up Carlos Galán by 2.7 percentage points.

With her victory, López also becomes the first openly lesbian mayor of a capital city in Latin America, a region slowly advancing in improving LGBT rights but where long-standing cultural biases and inequality remain barriers.

"This is the day of the woman," she said to a jubilant

crowd. "We knew that only by uniting could we win. We did that. We united, we won and we made history!" She vowed to continue uniting Colombians across the political spectrum and work to improve daily life issues like public transportation.

Many in the LGBT community praised López's victory as an important step forward in a country where gay and lesbians still confront harassment. Earlier this year, a man was caught on camera pushing and screaming profanities at two gay men in their early 20s hugging and holding hands at an upscale mall in Colombia's capital.

Blanca Duran, a former city politician, told the El Espectador newspaper that with López's win, Bogota is "setting an example for the country."

"It is showing that it is a city with respect, with diversity, in which we can advance rights," she said.

Centrist and progressive party candidates won several important posts in Colombia's local elections, the first since the signing of an historic peace accord with leftist rebels.

Conservative former President Álvaro Uribe acknowledged his party's setback, stating on Twitter that "I recognize the defeat with humility." □

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The Phosphate Industry of Aruba: Aruba Phosphate Company in 1879

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ORANJESTAD — It was so that the Aruban phosphate mines yielded a sum total of over 9.000.000 guilders, a very considerable result seeing that the original capital amounted to only 112,000 guilders. About 4.000.000 guilders in export-duties were obtained by the government from Aruba during the period.

When World War I broke out in 1914, the exploitation of phosphate became very difficult. It was impossible to get dynamite and the means of exportation became worse as a result of the war in Europe Three- to five hundred tons of phosphate per day could be handled by the pier. In 1882, about 250 men worked in the phosphate industry and the salaries were not bad.

At first mining was restricted to Cero Colorado and Cero Culebra. After some fifteen years the surface supplies on the hills had been exhausted. Borings were made in the south-east part of the island, and at a depth of from fifteen to eighteen meters deep phosphate layers were discovered from which the phosphate won during the next fifteen years was obtained.

In those years Aruba virtually bore the taxes of the whole colony, for the colony so far had needed a subsidy. In 1873 thanks to exploration on Klein Curacao, there had been a surplus, but after 1880, when the phosphate layers on Aruba began to be mined, the colony could do without subsidies for twelve years consecutively, from 1882 to 1895. Phosphate mining continued the most important source of income for the colony till the establishment of the oil-industry, Aruba being the main contributor. Our island was the milk-cow of the colony.

The procedure adopted in winning the phosphate was relatively simple. The mineral occurred in thick layers, sometimes to a depth of about twenty feet, resting on the original rock-bases of the hills and partly covered by younger limestone. The color of the phosphate varies from yellow to a reddish brown or liverish hue; it is hard, but crisp.

Mining was started on the surface, in open quarries. To this end about three feet deep holes were drilled by means of hand-drills, after which the phosphate was made loose with dynamite. As the workers reached further down, they came under the hollow rock and soon worked under an overhanging roof. A few pillars were left standing to support this. These phosphate pillars were later taken away when the layer had been exhausted and it did not matter anymore whether the roof caved in here and there. This stealing of the pillars was a hazardous job and had to be done very carefully. At the same time as the work in the quarries went on, mining was also started at a deeper level by constructing a shaft and galleries leading from it. In this manner a real mine was made, with corridors and high vaults where the phosphate had been removed.

But in the course of the years, phosphate exploitation became less profitable: as the phosphate had to be extracted from deeper underground, the quality became poorer.

It was a very levelly industry. The Aruba Phosphaat Maatschappij which was the company's name in Dutch, had to put into circulation their own currency on our rural island. Money had always been scarce here. The laborers who earned their living elsewhere used to send their wages in gold to Aruba. Before the coming of the Phosphaat Maatschappij there virtually was no Sint Nicolaas; the few fishermen's cabins assembled there could not yet pretend to the name of village. But now this little assemblage soon began to expand. The Cero Colorado Lighthouse was constructed during this period. The only real houses at St. Nicolaas, however, were those built for the Company.



Pic. 1. Company's locomotive



Pic. 2. Cero Colorado area today



Pic. 3 One entrance to the mine

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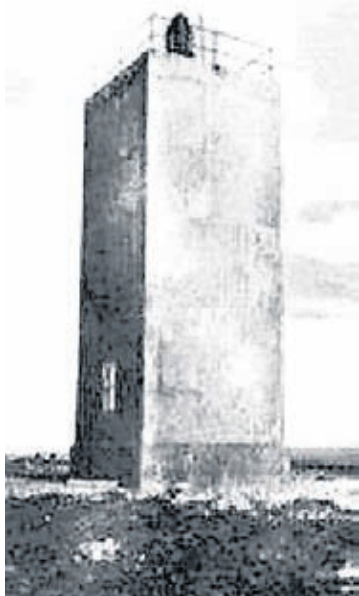
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Local labor was initially only found with difficulty: that was because of the rival branch of industry, the exploitation of gold. That's why forty men were attracted from Bonaire and

about twenty bricklayers and carpenters from Curaçao. The workers stayed near the phosphate mines all week and slept in barracks. Even a group of Italians was attracted to the island to manage the company; four of them never left the island: Antonio and Victorio Petrocci, Eugenio Falconi and Cajetano Jacopucci. They settled at Tanki Leendert.

For the transport of the phosphate to the harbor, a six kilometer long narrow gauge railway was built and the phosphate was taken to the loading berth in trains of about twenty tip carts and a steam locomotive. There it was loaded into sail ships that took it to countries like England, France, Germany and the United States to be processed to super phosphate that was used as fertilizer. □



Pic. 5. The Cero Colorado lighthouse



Pic.4 Men of the engine



Grow a tree initiative PlantAruba invited the public to BAN LANTA Y PLANTA

Campaign Ban Lanta y planta of PlantAruba envisions a cooler, greener Aruba

EAGLE BEACH — Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort hosts press conference of PlantAruba, a local initiative to enrich the quality of life for our residents and future generations, with trees.

The goal is clear: **Ban Lanta y planta**. The initiative is the brainchild of Ewald Biemans, Chief Environmental Officer of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, who was inspired by a story on social media where planting trees by a couple over some years led to reforestation of a previously stripped and barren expanse of land.

After sharing the story on social media, inspired local community members organized and activated a fresh and powerful initiative and called it **PlantAruba**. The founders consist of environmental activists and local conservationists in the field and together they created an action plan to motivate the community to achieve a greener and cooler Aruba with the beautiful simplicity of planting trees.

During the press conference, the architects of the plan shared their vision and objectives of the planting of (indigenous) trees, including regional fruit trees on residential plots, government land, and commercial land.

The **Ban Lanta y Planta** campaign from

October 25 – November 25 is a social media contest where those entering have an opportunity to win prizes if they plant a tree, film the planting, and share and like it on facebook. Further details can be found on the Ban Lanta y Planta social media pages. Anita Aerts, chairwoman **PlantAruba** explains, "If every homeowner will plant one tree, we will have about 40,000.00 additional trees on the island. Start small with just one tree and you will make a difference. The added bonus is that you will add shade and a cooler space in your garden, which ultimately will help with energy costs if the tree is planted strategically." Aerts added.

After the press conference, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort launched the program by planting the first tree, a Mango tree, and two other fruit trees in its Resort garden. Ewald Biemans explained: "Planting these trees is just the beginning as we aim to plant many more. We hope this beautiful inaugural Mango tree will inspire the community and inform of the benefits of planting indigenous and regional trees. Trees help against CO2 output, offer shade, cool their surroundings and possibly bear fruit. After some time to take root, trees do not need a lot of water. Let's all **Ban Lanta y Planta** for a greener Aruba", Biemans added. □

Moments to cherish forever with friends and family!



PALM BEACH — Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority NV representative Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure in honoring loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates at the Barcelo Aruba Resort. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles are as following: 10+ years "Distinguished Visitor" and 20+ years "Goodwill Ambassador" and 35+ years "Emerald Ambassador"

The honorees were Darren Cook from London honored as Distinguished Visitor. Cook has been visiting the island for 15 consecutive year.

Also honored were Robert and Anna Valenti

from Connecticut who have been coming to the island for 20 consecutive years and received the honorary title of Goodwill Ambassadors.

The honorees stated that they love coming back to the island for the friendly people of Barceló, beautiful beaches and fantastic restaurants.

The ceremony which was held at Barcelo Aruba was conducted by Heyliger together with Sandra and Natasha, representatives of the resort. They presented the honorees with some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their home away from home. Friends and families of the honorees also joined this great celebration. □



SPORTS



Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp, left, catches a pass in front of Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Tony McRae (29) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, at Wembley Stadium in London.

Associated Press

Drew Brees sharp in return as Saints pound Cardinals

By The Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drew Brees passed for 373 yards and three touchdowns in his first game in more than five weeks since thumb surgery, and the New Orleans Saints won their sixth straight with a 31-9 victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

With few exceptions, Brees was accurate and looked composed even as his pass blocking collapsed, completing 34 of 43 passes.

He was intercepted once, by Patrick Peterson, but was not pressured before throwing that aggressive, risky pass down the left sideline, where fullback Zach Line was double-covered.

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PITCHED BATTLE

Verlander can clinch World Series vs Nats in Game 6

Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander kicks the mound after giving up a two-RBI double to Washington Nationals' Anthony Rendon during the first inning of Game 2 of the baseball World Series Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, in Houston.

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Blues beat Red Wings in OT after blowing lead

By The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — David Perron scored at 1:28 of overtime to give the St. Louis Blues a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday night.

The Blues blew a two-goal lead in the third-period lead and needed Ryan O'Reilly's late goal to send it to overtime. The Red Wings have lost eight straight. Perron scored from the left circle after circling with the puck for a few seconds. He has six goals this season.

O'Reilly had two goals and two assists and Perron added three assists. Brayden Schenn had a goal and an assist, Zach Sanford also scored, and Jordan Binnington made 29 saves for the defending champion Blues.

Dylan Larkin and Tyler Bertuzzi each had a goal and an assist for Detroit, Filip Hronek and Valtteri Filppula added goals, and Jonathan Bernier made 15 stops. O'Reilly's power-play goal tied it at 4-4 with 4:18 left in regulation. He put in a one-timer from the slot.

BRUINS 7, RANGERS 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Brad Marchand had two goals and three assists and Boston scored four times in the second period to beat New York.

Patrice Bergeron scored three goals for his fifth regular-season hat trick, Charlie Coyle and Zdeno Chara each had a goal and an



St. Louis Blues left wing Zach Sanford, left, watches his puck go in the net past Detroit Red Wings goaltender Jonathan Bernier in the first period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

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assist, and David Pastrnak added five assists to help the Bruins improve to 8-1-2 this season. Jaroslav Halak stopped 25 shots as Boston earned a point for the seventh straight game (5-0-2). Michael Haley, Pavel Buchnevich, Chris Kreider and Brady Skjei scored for New York, and Henrik Lundqvist made 27 saves before being pulled after two periods. The Rangers are 1-5-1 in their last seven.

ISLANDERS 5, FLYERS 3

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Mathew Barzal had a goal and an assist and New York beat Philadelphia to extend its winning streak to seven games.

Anders Lee, Derick Brassard, Ross Johnston and Ryan Pullock also scored and Semyon Varlamov stopped 28 shots for his third straight victory.

Jakub Voracek, Travis Konecny, Claude Giroux scored for the Flyers. Carter Hart made nine saves on 14 shots before being replaced by Brian Elliott midway through the second period.

BLACKHAWKS 5, KINGS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Dylan Strome had two goals and assisted on linemate Alex DeBrincat's score to help Chicago beat Los Angeles to end a four-game skid. DeBrincat set up both of

Strome's goals as the two former junior hockey teammates clicked again and sparked Chicago's attack. David Kampf and Drake Caggiula also scored and Robin Lehner made 38 saves.

Blackhawks defenseman Brent Seabrook was a healthy scratch for the second time in his career.

Sean Walker scored for Los Angeles.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 5, DUCKS 2

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nicolas Roy scored his first career NHL goal in Vegas' victory over Anaheim.

Making his first appearance for the Golden Knights, Roy

split two defenders and slipped a shot through goalie John Gibson's pads for what turned out to be the winning goal.

Mark Stone, Ryan Reaves, William Karlsson and Paul Stastny also scored for Vegas and Marc-Andre Fleury made 13 saves. Ryan Getzlaf and Adam Henrique scored for the Ducks.

PANTHERS 6, OILERS 2

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Brian Boyle and Jayce Hawryluk each had a goal and an assist and Florida scored three goals in just over two minutes to open the second period against Edmonton.

Aaron Ekblad, Noel Acciari, Evgenii Dadonov and Frank Vatrano also scored for Florida. The Panthers improved to 5-2-4, earning at least a point in eight straight games.

James Neal and Leon Draisaitl scored for the Oilers. They have lost three of four to fall to 8-3-1.

SENATORS 5, SHARKS 2

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Nick Paul had two goals and an assist for his first multipoint game in the NHL in Ottawa's victory over San Jose. Brady Tkachuk had a goal and two assists, Connor Brown and Anthony Duclair also scored and Craig Anderson stopped 34 shots. Evander Kane and Kevin Labanc scored for the Sharks. They are 1-2-1 on a five-game trip that ends Tuesday night in Boston. □

NCAA poised to move toward allowing athletes to make money

AP College Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NCAA is poised to take a significant step toward allowing college athletes to earn money off the fame they have gained by playing sports.

The Board of Governors will be briefed Tuesday by administrators who have been examining whether it would be feasible to allow athletes to profit from their names, images and likenesses while still preserving NCAA amateurism rules that are the bedrock of its existence. The move



In this April 19, 2019, file photo, an athlete stands near a NCAA logo during a softball game in Beaumont, Texas.

Associated Press

comes as the nation's largest governing body for college athletics faces increasing pressure from lawmakers across the country intent on following California's lead by dismantling compensation prohibitions that currently apply to more than 450,000 NCAA athletes.

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith and Big East Conference Commissioner Val Ackerman, the leaders of the NCAA's name, image and likenesses working group, will present a progress report to the board at

Emory University in Atlanta. It will be a key early step in a process that could take months or even years to work its way through the NCAA various layers.

"I don't expect a report saying that we're going to stay exactly like we are. I don't think we're going to get a status quo report," Atlantic 10 Conference Commissioner Bernadette McGlade said last week. She said she expected it to be the first of many steps, "certainly not a final report."

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Verlander, Astros can clinch World Series vs Nats in Game 6

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Springer shook his head at the mere mention of Houston Astros teammate Justin Verlander's past October trouble, the only pitcher in baseball history to go 0-5 in the World Series.

"We wouldn't be here without him," Springer declared. "I don't care what individual stats say."

Then, as if to emphasize the point, the Astros outfielder repeated himself: "We wouldn't be here without him. So I'm glad that we're handing the ball to him. We'll see what happens."

Verlander will get a chance to make people forget his postseason struggles, including losses in win-and-advance games in this year's AL Division Series and Championship Series, if he can help Houston clinch a second championship in three years. The 36-year-old right-hander will start Game 6 at home against Stephen Strasburg and the Washington Nationals on Tuesday night.

"He's prepared. He's ready for this moment. We've been communicating back and forth throughout the whole series on how we were going to make an adjustment to what we were seeing and how we were going to attack," said Gerrit Cole, Verlander's rotation-mate and chief AL Cy Young Award competition this season.

"It's going to be business as usual for him. He's going to set the tone for us," Cole said. "Hopefully we can back him up with some runs, and play some great 'D.'"

Cole gave up just one run in seven innings and struck out nine as the Astros grabbed a 3-2 series lead Sunday night by beating the NL wild-card Nationals 7-1.

Springer, Carlos Correa and rookie Yordan Alvarez all delivered two-run homers — celebrated with elaborate handshakes and hearty hugs — for the team that led the majors with 107 wins in the regular season. The hootin' and hollerin' carried on in the mini-clubhouse at Nationals Park.

It's really been rousing to be on the road so far: Only two other times in baseball history did the home team fail to win any of the first five games of a World Series.

The Nationals won the first two games in Houston by a combined score of 17-7, before the Astros switched everything around and took all three games in Washington by a total tally of 19-3.

The Nationals entered the weekend having won 18 of 20 games, which was the best streak the team had posted since moving from Montreal to Washington in 2005. Then they went 0-3 at home.

"We're just going back there," Nationals outfielder

Juan Soto said, "trying to do the same thing we did before."

Now comes Monday's break in the best-of-seven series, before Houston asks Verlander to try to end the World Series.

If he can't, and there is a Game 7 on Wednesday, the Nationals will hope they can send out three-time Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer, who was scratched just hours before Game 5 because of a neck problem that left him unable to lift his throwing arm. Scherzer said he was given a cortisone shot and needed his wife's help just to get dressed.

"This is just a little thing that turned into a big thing that turned into a giant thing," he said. "I'm just hoping that the doctors are right and that something could be possible for Game 7."

Might not matter, of course. On the other hand, Verlander has not been pitching up to the high standards he established while winning 225 games, collecting 2011 AL Cy Young and MVP honors and earning eight All-Star selections.

After going 21-6 with a 2.58 ERA and 300 Ks during the regular season, this is what he's done in five postseason starts in 2019: 1-3, 4.15 ERA, 35 strikeouts, 11 walks. That includes a 12-3 loss in Game 2, also while facing Strasburg.

Five days later, Verlander gets another shot at the Nationals.



Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander speaks during a news conference before Game 5 of the baseball World Series against the Washington Nationals Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, in Washington.

Associated Press

"We've got J.V. on the mound. A J.V. day is fun. I've been watching that guy pitch for a lot of years," Astros reliever Joe Smith said. "He ain't slowing down." Maybe so.

Still, it's important to recall that two years ago, in another Game 6, Verlander could have sealed the Fall Classic against the Los Angeles Dodgers — and even had a sixth-inning lead, but Houston wound up losing 3-1. At least the Astros came back the next night to win Game 7 — and their first title.

Then, this October, Verlander got the ball on short rest for Game 4 of the ALDS against the Tampa Bay Rays, but again couldn't get the job done in a close-out game, giving up three runs in the first inning and losing 4-1. Once again, though, Houston won the next game to advance. And in the ALCS against

the New York Yankees, the same scenario played out: Up 3-1 in the series, Verlander got the start in Game 5, but he allowed four runs in the first inning of another 4-1 loss. Yet again, Houston won the next game to bail him out.

Strasburg, meanwhile, truly has been at his best this postseason, frequently relying on his seemingly unhittable changeup or his right-where-he-wants-it curveball as out pitches, rather than the high-90s mph fastball he thrived with in earlier times.

The 31-year-old righty enters Tuesday with a 4-0 record, 1.82 ERA, 40 strikeouts and just two walks in five appearances this month, four as a starter.

"We've got Justin Verlander on the mound, and that brings a lot of confidence to our clubhouse," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "Their guy's pretty good, too." □

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Thunder rout Warriors 120-92 for 1st win of season

By The Associated Press
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Dennis Schroder scored 22 points to help the Oklahoma City Thunder rout the Golden State Warriors 120-92 on Sunday for their first victory of the season. The blowout matched Oklahoma City's largest margin of victory over the Warriors since the franchise moved from Seattle before the 2008-09 season. Danilo Gallinari added 21 points and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 19 points and nine rebounds for the Thunder. They opened the season with losses to Utah and Washington. Stephen Curry scored 23 points for the Warriors, making 7 of 18 shots while his teammates made just 23 of 74. Golden State was coming off a season-opening home loss to the Los Angeles Clippers.
LAKERS 120, HORNETS 101
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anthony Davis had 29 points



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Dennis Schroder (17) shoots in front of Golden State Warriors forward Eric Paschall (7) in the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, in Oklahoma City.

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and 14 rebounds, and Dwight Howard added 16 points, 10 boards and four blocked shots in Los Angeles' victory over Charlotte. LeBron James had 20 points, 12 assists and six rebounds. The Lakers took control of their second straight victory with an 18-2

rally starting late in the third quarter.

Miles Bridges scored 23 points for Charlotte.

TRAIL BLAZERS 121, MAVERICKS 119

DALLAS (AP) — Damian Lillard made a twisting layup with 26 seconds remaining and scored 26 of his 28

points in the second half in Portland's Dallas victory over Dallas.

Lillard's basket gave the Blazers a 120-119 lead. Dallas' Luka Doncic then missed a 3-point attempt and Portland won a challenge of a call that would have sent the Mavericks' Dorian Finney-Smith to the foul line.

Instead, there was a jump ball. The Blazers' Kent Bazemore got the ball and was fouled. He made the first of two free throws. Doncic rebounded and passed to Tim Hardaway, whose shot from about midcourt rattled off the front of the rim a time expired.

CJ McCollum led Portland with 35 points. Kristaps Porzingis scored 32 points for Dallas, and Doncic had 29 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists.

GRIZZLIES 134, NETS 133, OT
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Jae Crowder hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key as

time expired in overtime, lifting Memphis past Brooklyn for its first victory of the season.

Rookie Ja Morant led the Grizzlies with 30 points and had his ninth assist on Crowder's winning basket. Morant also blocked Kyrie Irving's shot at the end of regulation to keep the score tied at 120-all.

Irving had 37 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. **TIMBERWOLVES 116, HEAT 109**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Wiggins made four 3-pointers in the final six minutes, finishing with 25 points to propel undefeated Minnesota past Miami. Karl-Anthony Towns added 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Wolves. At 3-0, they matched the second-best start in the long-languishing franchise's history. They were 6-0 in 2001-02 and 3-0 in 2013-14.

Kendrick Nunn had 25 points for Miami. □

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The Cardinals were unable to capitalize on that turnover early in the second half, however, and Brees made them pay by leading three touchdown drives after that, ending with passes to running back Latavius Murray, dynamic reserve QB and utility player Tayson Hill, and leading receiver Michael Thomas. Cardinals rookie Kyler Murray completed 19 of 33 passes for 220 yards, but Arizona never found the end zone. Eight of his completions went to Christian Kirk for 79 yards in the receiver's return from an ankle sprain. Arizona was held to 40 yards rushing and the Saints' defense held a fifth-straight opponent below 260 total net yards.

PACKERS 31, CHIEFS 24

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Aaron Rodgers threw for 305 yards and three touchdowns, two of them to Aaron Jones on a big night for the Green Bay running back, and the Packers held off backup quarterback Matt Moore and Kansas City.

Jones, who briefly left with a shoulder injury, had seven catches for 159 yards and added 67 on the ground — a big chunk of them in the closing minutes, when the Packers (7-1) sealed the win. It was their first at Arrowhead Stadium since Nov. 4, 2007. With reigning league MVP Patrick Mahomes out with a dislocated kneecap, Moore took the reins of the Chiefs' high-powered offense and fared quite well. He threw for 267 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions in the ex-high school coach's first NFL start in more than two years.

The Chiefs (5-3) hoped Mahomes could make a miraculous recovery 10 days after hurting his knee in Denver in time to play. But after he was limited in practice throughout the week, coach Andy Reid announced Friday that the franchise quarterback would be inactive for the game.

CHARGERS 17, BEARS 16

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago kicker Eddy Pineiro missed a 41-yard field goal as time expired and Los Angeles hung on for the win.

The Bears (3-4) took over at their 35 with 1:33 remaining and had a chance to win it after driving all the way to the 21. Chicago had quarterback Mitchell Trubisky take a knee with about 40 seconds left rather than try to get closer to the goal line. And Pineiro, who hit an upright on a miss earlier, hooked the potential winner wide left as time expired.

That allowed the Chargers (3-5) to snap a three-game losing streak and avoid their first 0-4 October since 2000, while the Bears dropped their third in a row. Los Angeles also picked up its first victory in seven road games all-time against Chicago and its first win at Soldier Field after losing four.

Philip Rivers threw an 11-yard touchdown to Austin Ekeler in the fourth quarter for the go-ahead touchdown with just over eight minutes left in the game after Melvin Ingram recovered a fumble by Trubisky in Chicago territory.

Rivers was 19 of 29 for 201 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Melvin Gordon ran for a score. Joey Bosa had two sacks, and the Chargers picked up their first victory since a win at Miami on Sept. 29.

TEXANS 27, RAIDERS 24

HOUSTON (AP) — Deshaun Watson threw for 279 yards and three touchdowns, including the go-ahead score in the fourth quarter to lift Houston past Oakland after the Texans lost defensive end J.J. Watt.

Watt sustained a season-ending pectoral injury in the second quarter.

There were about 6 1/2 minutes left when Watson evaded the rush and connected with Darren Fells on a 9-yard scoring toss to put Houston up 27-24. Watson appeared to get kicked in the face on the play and remained on the turf for a few minutes and was tended to by trainers before getting to his feet and walking to the medical tent. But he was OK and returned on the next possession.

Houston (5-3) forced a punt on the next drive when Gareon Conley, who was traded to the Texans from Oakland this week, knocked down a pass



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) calls out an audible from the line of scrimmage in the first half of an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals in New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

Associated Press

to Tyrell Williams on third down.

Fells had 58 yards receiving and two touchdowns and DeAndre Hopkins grabbed 11 catches for 109 yards.

Derek Carr had 285 yards passing with three touchdowns as the Raiders (3-4) lost for the second week in a row.

EAGLES 31, BILLS 13

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Rookie Miles Sanders scored on a career-best 65-yard touchdown run and Philadelphia snapped a two-game skid with a win over Buffalo.

Carson Wentz finished 17 of 24 for 172 and a touchdown passing in a game the Eagles blew open by scoring TDs 83 seconds apart spanning halftime.

Dallas Goedert scored on a 5-yard catch. Jordan Howard had a team-best 96 yards rushing and scored on a 3-yard run, and Boston Scott scored on a 4-yard run after Sanders left the game with a shoulder injury in the third quarter.

Linebacker Brandon Graham had one of the team's four sacks, and also forced and recovered quarterback Josh Allen's fumble, which led to Goedert scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

The Eagles improved to 4-4 in bouncing back from a 37-10 prime-time dud of a loss at Dallas last week.

The Bills (5-2) squandered an opportunity to open 6-1 for the first time since

1993 and failed to answer skeptics as to whether their hot start is a result of a soft schedule.

49ERS 51, PANTHERS 13

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Tevin Coleman scored three of his four touchdowns in the first half, rookie Nick Bosa had three sacks to go along with an acrobatic interception and San Francisco remained unbeaten with a victory over Carolina Panthers in its highest-scoring game in 26 years. The Niners (7-0) are off to their best start since winning their first 10 games in 1990 but still faced questions because five of those first six victories came against teams that have losing records.

But San Francisco delivered perhaps its most complete performance of the season against the streaking Panthers (4-3), who had won four straight games and featured one of the league's top defenses.

Jimmy Garoppolo and the offense had little trouble carving Carolina's defense with 232 yards rushing and a pair of touchdown passes for San Francisco's most prolific offensive game since beating Detroit 55-17 on Dec. 19, 1993. The Niners stellar defense did the rest. San Francisco intercepted three passes from Kyle Allen, who came into the game with no interceptions on 153 career attempts while winning his first five starts in place of injured

starter Cam Newton. They also had seven sacks, with Bosa getting three of them to go along with his leaping interception and 46-yard return on the final play of the third quarter.

TITANS 27, BUCCANEERS 23

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Ryan Tannehill threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Brown with 6:55 left, and Tennessee rallied to beat Tampa Bay for its second straight win.

Tennessee came in with the NFL's No. 4 scoring defense, having not allowed more than 20 points in a game all season. The Buccaneers entered with the league's fourth-best offense, averaging 28.8 points a game, and they became the first to top the mark.

The Titans (4-4) led 14-3 after turning a pair of first-quarter turnovers into two TD passes by Tannehill.

The Bucs (2-6) lost their third straight and fourth in five games despite Jameis Winston and Mike Evans putting the Bucs up 23-17 by connecting on a TD pass at the end of the first half and a second early in the third quarter. They wouldn't score again despite outgaining Tennessee 389-246.

PATRIOTS 27, BROWNS 13

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady threw for 259 yards and two touchdown passes and Bill Belichick earned his 300th NFL coaching victory in the Patriots' 27-13 win over the Cleveland. □



Simona Halep of Romania reacts as she plays against Bianca Andreescu of Canada during their WTA Finals Tennis Tournament in Shenzhen, China's Guangdong province, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

Halep, defending champion Svitolina win at WTA Finals

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — Simona Halep saved a match point before beating Canadian teen Bianca Andreescu 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3 Monday at the WTA Finals. Halep, a former No. 1 who won the Wimbledon title in July, saved the match point in the 12th game of the second set.

"Today was a challenge because she's almost 10 years younger than me," Halep said. "I was really proud of what I did after having a back injury for almost a month."

After the tiebreaker, both players sought medical treatment. Halep had her foot treated while the 19-year-old Andreescu, the U.S. Open champion, had a lower back problem. Andreescu also called for the trainer in the third set.

"I think she fought really hard," Andreescu said. "I didn't take my chances in the second set and after that my back really hurt."

"I'm just really pretty disappointed."

Earlier, defending champion Elina Svitolina stretched her unbeaten run at the season-ending tournament into a new year, beating Karolina Pliskova 7-6 (12), 6-4 in her opening match. Svitolina, the only player in this year's field who has not won a title this season, was unbeaten in the tournament last year.

After exchanging service breaks in the first set, Svitolina converted her seventh set point. Pliskova also had a chance to take the first set, but she failed to take advantage of a set point at 9-8 in the tiebreaker.

"You tell yourself to stay in the moment," Svitolina said of the lengthy tiebreaker.

"You just try to play one rally at a time, to don't rush. Even when I had the chances to finish the set, because there was few, I thought I could play better."

After the tiebreaker, Pliskova struggled to stay in the match.

"I think that decided all match," the Czech player said. "Even though I had some chances in the second set, too, it was a big part of the match, the first set."

"Everything what I just won was because I made a winner or because I was pushing her. Overall I think she didn't give me many mistakes."

Svitolina jumped ahead 2-0 in the second set and then broke again for a 4-3 lead. Pliskova, who had won all three of her previous opening matches at the WTA Finals, leads the tour with four titles this season — winning in Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. She also leads the tour with most aces served at 481. □



In this Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 file photo, Sergino Dest of the U.S. controls the ball during the FIFA U-17 World Cup match against Paraguay in New Delhi, India.

Associated Press

Dest chooses to play for U.S. over Netherlands

By **MIKE CORDER**

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Ajax defender Sergino Dest has decided to remain with the United States national team rather than switch to the Netherlands.

The 18-year-old outside back, who has a Surinamese-American father and Dutch mother, played for the U.S. in the Under-17 and Under-20 World Cups. He made his senior national team debut for the Americans last month when he played in friendlies against Mexico and Uruguay, but because he had not played a competitive match had the ability under FIFA's rules to change his affiliation to the Dutch national team.

In recent weeks, both Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman and U.S. counterpart Gregg Berhalter had spoken to Dest in an attempt to persuade him.

"Of course, it was a tough decision for me when the Dutch men's national team showed their interest, but I have built up a very good feeling with Team USA over

the last couple of years and I strongly believe in the plans and potential of U.S. Soccer," Dest said Monday. He made his Ajax debut at the beginning of this season and has been a regular starter in the Eredivisie and the Champions League. Dest is a typical Ajax defender. Skillful and quick, he tries to push forward and deliver crosses.

He told Ajax teammates of his decision in the locker room after training on Monday. He also called Koeman to break the news. "Of course, he was disappointed, but he respected my choice," Dest told Ajax TV.

Berhalter flew to Amsterdam last week to watch Ajax play Chelsea in the Champions League. The only goal of the match came after U.S. midfielder Christian Pulisic dribbled past Dest and passed for Michy Batshuayi to give Chelsea a 1-0 victory.

Berhalter and USSF sporting director Earnie Stewart spoke had lunch with Dest and the player's father the next day. Stewart's his-

tory is remarkably similar to Dest's — both have fathers who were U.S. servicemen and both were brought up in the Netherlands. "As a dual national myself, I understand the choices that these young players face," Stewart said. "Our job is to provide a clear pathway and maintain honest and open communication, and then ultimately it comes down to a personal decision."

Berhalter is rebuilding the U.S. national team after its failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup.

Dest could make his competitive debut on Nov. 15 when the U.S. team plays Canada at Orlando, Florida, in the CONCACAF Nations League. He is a natural right back but played on the left for the Americans in the September matches and could be on a back line that includes Newcastle's DeAndre Yedlin on the right.

"We are thrilled to have Sergino commit to our program," Berhalter said. "He is an exceptional young player with a bright future." □

Woods tied with Snead, and no one else is close

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

The toughest competition for Tiger Woods has always been history.

What captured the public's attention when Woods won the first of his 15 majors, the 1997 Masters, was whether he could match or beat the 18 majors won by Jack Nicklaus, long considered the gold standard in golf. That remains the ultimate target.

Until then, he landed a big one in Japan.

Woods was coming off a two-month break that began with a fifth surgery on his left knee, this one to repair minor cartilage damage. He opened his new season with three straight bogeys, and then followed with 27 birdies to win the Zozo Championship by three shots. It was his 82nd career victory, tying the record Sam Snead established in 1965, 10 years before Woods was born.

That's three victories in 13 months, and no indication it will be the last one.

"The ball-striking exhibition I've seen the last two days is a joke," said U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland, who played the final two rounds with Woods on a rain-soaked course northeast of Tokyo. "I don't see him stopping anytime soon. Eighty-two is pretty special. I think there's a lot more in store."

Expect plenty of debate until Woods makes it 83 and has the record to himself.

Snead always argued he won more than 82 times

during his seemingly ageless career that stretched across three decades. He also has team events, like the Inverness Four-Ball Invitational, counted among his official tally.

The PGA of America ran tournament golf in Snead's time and there wasn't a standard tour schedule like there is now. The PGA Tour researched the records and settled on 82 wins for Snead. Whatever arguments are made, that's the official mark.

That's what Woods matched, an astonishing feat considering the litany of obstacles he has faced — five surgeries on his knee, four surgeries on his back, the embarrassment of being caught in a personal scandal that cost him his marriage and universal corporate support, a mug shot from his DUI arrest two years ago when he mixed pain medications.

"It's satisfying to dig my way out of it and figure out a way," Woods said. "There are some hard times trying to figure it out, but I've come back with different games over the years, moving patterns, and this one's been obviously the most challenging."

Woods has been linked with Nicklaus his entire career. He has been mentioned alongside Byron Nelson, not only for breaking his record for consecutive cuts, but for twice getting at least halfway to Nelson's unthinkable 11 straight victories. Woods reached seven in a row on the PGA



Tiger Woods of the United States poses with volunteers for souvenir photos after winning the Zozo Championship PGA Tour at the Accordia Golf Narashino country club in Inzai, east of Tokyo, Japan, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

Tour through 2006 at Torrey Pines.

But the better measure of his greatness is not the legends Woods is chasing. It's the players he is beating.

Generations are tough to compare even with simple numbers like 18 and 82. The game, the courses, the equipment, everything evolves. No one will ever know how Woods stacked up against Snead, Nelson, Ben Hogan or Bobby Jones. No one can say how Nicklaus would fare against today's generation.

What made Snead's record 82 victories even more impressive than the number alone was that no one else was close to him. When

he won the last of his official victories at the Greater Greensboro Open in 1965, only two other players had more than 50 career wins — Hogan (64) and Nelson (52).

Woods now has 82 victories.

That's more than Phil Mickelson (44) and Vijay Singh (34) combined. The other Hall of Famer from his generation is Ernie Els, who traveled and won worldwide but has 19 victories on the PGA Tour.

They all had access to the same game. Woods played better than anyone imagined.

Even after going through so many injuries that led to Woods going five years

without a victory, his winning rate is still 22.8%. That's the highest ever for the PGA Tour with a minimum of 200 tournaments. Hogan is next at 21.3%, followed by Nelson at 18.1%. Nicklaus is sixth at 12.2%.

Dustin Johnson, the winningest player of this generation, with 20 PGA Tour titles, has a winning rate of 7.7%. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan was in Japan and could only think, "Wow," when he considered what Woods had done — and if it will ever be seen again. "I'm a never-say-never kind of person, but you start looking back — the longevity, the consistency, what goes into it," Monahan said. □

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NCAA rules have long barred players from hiring agents and the association has steadfastly refused to allow players to be paid by their schools, with some exceptions. The California law would prevent athletes from losing their scholarships or being kicked off their teams for signing endorsement deals. The measure doesn't take effect until 2023, leaving time for the NCAA to take its own steps even though other states are consider-

ing measures that could take effect even earlier.

A possible place for the NCAA to start is allowing athletes to make money from non-athletic business opportunities, which is currently prohibited. McGlade said the NCAA has been approving waivers at a high rate to allow athletes to earn money if they, for example, develop a product or write a book.

In a notable recent case, the NCAA provided a waiver to former Notre Dame basketball star Arike

Ogunbowale so she could compete on the television show "Dancing With the Stars."

Still, the NCAA would like to draw a line between allowing athletes access to money-making opportunities that have well-defined market value and those where payments could be arbitrary and used in lieu of improper recruiting inducements, a person who has been briefed on the work done by Smith and Ackerman's group told The Associated Press. The per-

son spoke only on condition of anonymity because the working group is not making its work public.

Such a stance would mean prohibiting an athlete from cutting a deal with a local business to appear in a commercial, for example, but letting athletes take advantage of opportunities to monetize their social media followings.

McGlade, in her 12th year as A-10 commissioner after 10 years with the Atlantic Coast Conference, said she is frustrated college

sports is facing legislative pressure on an issue that has been hanging over the NCAA for years. Finding a solution that satisfies more than 300 schools competing in Division I is a challenge.

"And I don't think that it's possible to have state-by-state legislation or laws," she said. "But I also believe strongly in that the model should not move so far to the point that there is a 'pay-for-play, employee-employer relationship' with student athletes." □

Pentagon hands Microsoft \$10B 'war cloud' deal, snubs Amazon

By **RACHEL LERMAN**

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The Pentagon awarded Microsoft a \$10 billion cloud computing contract, snubbing early front-runner Amazon, whose competitive bid drew criticism from President Donald Trump and its business rivals.

Bidding for the huge project, known as Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure, or JEDI, pitted leading tech titans Microsoft, Amazon, Oracle and IBM against one another.

The giant contract has attracted more attention than most, sparked by speculation early in the process that Amazon would be the sole winner of the deal. Tech giants Oracle and IBM pushed back with their own bids and also formally protested the bidding process last year.

Oracle later challenged the process in federal court, but lost.

Trump waded into the fray in July, saying that the administration would "take a very long look" at the process, saying he had heard complaints. Trump has frequently expressed his ire for Amazon and founder Jeff Bezos, who also owns the Washington Post. At the time, he said other companies told him that the contract "wasn't competitively bid."



This April 12, 2016 file photo shows the Microsoft logo in Issy-les-Moulineaux, outside Paris, France. **Associated Press**

Defense Secretary Mark Esper recused himself from the controversial bidding process earlier this week, citing a conflict of interest because his son works for one of the companies that originally bid.

The JEDI system will store and process vast amounts of classified data, allowing the U.S. military to use artificial intelligence to speed up its war planning and fighting capabilities.

A cloud strategy document unveiled by the Defense Department last year called for replacing the mil-

itary's "disjointed and stove-piped information systems" with a commercial cloud service "that will empower the warfighter with data and is critical to maintaining our military's technological advantage."

The Pentagon emphasized in an announcement that the process was fair and followed procurement guidelines. It noted that over the past two years, it has awarded more than \$11 billion in ten separate cloud-computing contracts, and said the JEDI award "continues our strat-

egy of a multi-vendor, multi-cloud environment." The latter statement appeared designed to address previous criticism about awarding such a large deal to one company.

The deal is a major win for Microsoft's cloud business Azure, which has long been playing catch-up to Amazon's market leading Amazon Web Services. Microsoft said it was preparing a statement.

Amazon said Friday it was surprised by the decision. "AWS is the clear leader in

cloud computing, and a detailed assessment purely on the comparative offerings clearly lead to a different conclusion," Amazon spokesman Drew Herdener said in a statement. "We remain deeply committed to continuing to innovate for the new digital battlefield where security, efficiency, resiliency, and scalability of resources can be the difference between success and failure."

According to a July report from the research firm Gartner, Amazon holds almost 48% of the market for public cloud computing, followed by Microsoft in second place with close to 16%.

Over the last year, Microsoft has positioned itself as a friend to the U.S. military. President Brad Smith wrote last fall that Microsoft has long supplied technology to the military and would continue to do so, despite pushback from employees. Oracle and IBM were eliminated earlier in the process, leaving Microsoft and Amazon to battle it out at the end.

Google decided last year not to compete for the contract, saying it would conflict with its AI ethics principles. Google employees have been especially vocal in protesting the company's involvement with government contracts. □

U.S. proposes cutting off funds for Chinese telecom equipment

By **TALI ARBEL AP**

Technology Writer

U.S. regulators have proposed cutting off funding for Chinese equipment in U.S. telecommunications networks, citing security threats.

The Federal Communications Commission will vote next month on a proposal to bar telecom companies from using government subsidies to pay for networking equipment from Huawei and ZTE. The move mostly affects small, rural companies, as larger U.S. wireless companies do not use equipment from those Chinese companies. The agency is also explor-



In this July 30, 2019, file photo a woman walks by a Huawei retail store in Beijing. **Associated Press**

ing the impact of requiring companies to rip out their current Huawei and ZTE

equipment. The government is seeking comments on how it can help compa-

nies financially if they have to do that. Bills in Congress have proposed setting \$700 million to \$1 billion aside for telecom companies to replace their networks.

A trade group for small rural wireless carriers has said that it would cost up to \$1 billion for its dozen companies to replace their Huawei and ZTE equipment. It says that Huawei has 40 customers in the U.S. (Huawei is also a member of the trade group, the Rural Wireless Association.) Huawei and ZTE did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the FCC proposal. The U.S. government has said that Huawei poses an

espionage threat, but has presented no evidence of its equipment being used for spying by the Chinese government. The company denies that its equipment is used for such purposes. ZTE has also denied that China uses its products for spying. A congressional report in 2012 labeled both Chinese companies as security risks. The U.S. government also has been pressuring allies to ban Huawei from their networks and has restricted exports of U.S. technology to Huawei. Huawei is the world's biggest supplier of telecom gear as well as a major cellphone manufacturer. □

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S&P 500 on track for record high in busy week of earnings

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Stocks marched higher on Wall Street in afternoon trading Monday, extending the market's gains into a fourth week and driving the S&P 500 on track for an all-time high.

The rally comes at the beginning of a busy week of corporate earnings, new economic data and expectations of another interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve.

Technology, health care and communication services stocks were powering the market's latest gains, outweighing losses in real estate, utilities and household goods makers. Energy stocks also fell as crude oil prices headed lower. Banks rose along with bond yields,

which help set interest rates for mortgages and other loans.

Investors continued to pore over company earnings reports Monday. Some 156 companies in the S&P 500 are scheduled to issue their quarterly results this week. Google parent Alphabet was due to issue its results later Monday.

The company news, in addition to new economic data on housing, consumer confidence and hiring will give investors a clearer diagnosis of the economy's health. Traders will also closely watch the Fed's latest decision on interest rates Wednesday.

Microsoft rose after winning a Pentagon contract. Other technology companies also climbed. AT&T led



In this Oct. 7, 2019, file photo specialist Patrick King, left, and trader Fred DeMarco work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

broad gains for communications companies.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.85% from 1.80% late Friday.

The S&P 500 rose 17 points, or 0.6%, to 3,040 as of 2:26

p.m. Eastern time, about 14 points above the record set on July 26.

The market could also have history on its side today, according to Ryan Detrick, senior market strategist for

LPL Financial. "October 28 is historically the best day of the year for stocks," he said in a note to investors. According to Detrick, the average gain on Oct. 28 is 0.54% which would give the S&P 500 a close of 3,038.87. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 135 points, or 0.5%, to 27,093. The Dow is still about 1% below its record set on July 15.

The Nasdaq climbed 1%. The Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks also rose 1%.

FULL WEEK: The market could be in for a more volatile ride this week. Alphabet, Google's parent company, reports earnings results later Monday. General Motors and drugmakers Merck and Pfizer release results on Tuesday. □

Smash sandwiches boost Restaurant Brands sales in US

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
Associated Press

Burger King reported its best comparable stores sales increase in the U.S. in four years thanks to brisk sales of Impossible Whopper.

Burger King's parent company, Restaurant Brands International Inc., began selling the plant-based burger in late summer after a strong response to limited testing.

The popularity of the burger helped push U.S. same-store sales up 5%.

The Toronto company also owns the Popeye's chain of

chicken restaurants, which had its own hit sandwich during the quarter.

On Monday, after numerous restaurants sold out of the popular chicken sandwich over the summer, the chain said it's bringing the sandwich back to restaurants on Sunday.

Popeye's had comparable sales growth of more than 10% in the U.S., among its best quarters in two decades.

The strong performances from Burger King and Popeye's, however, were not enough to offset a disap-

pointing quarter for another of the Toronto company's restaurants, Tim Horton's, which reported a 1.4% decline in comparable sales. Shares slid more than 3% Monday. Restaurant Brands earned \$201 million, or 75 cents per share, for the period ended Sept. 30. That compares with \$134 million, or 53 cents per share, a year earlier.

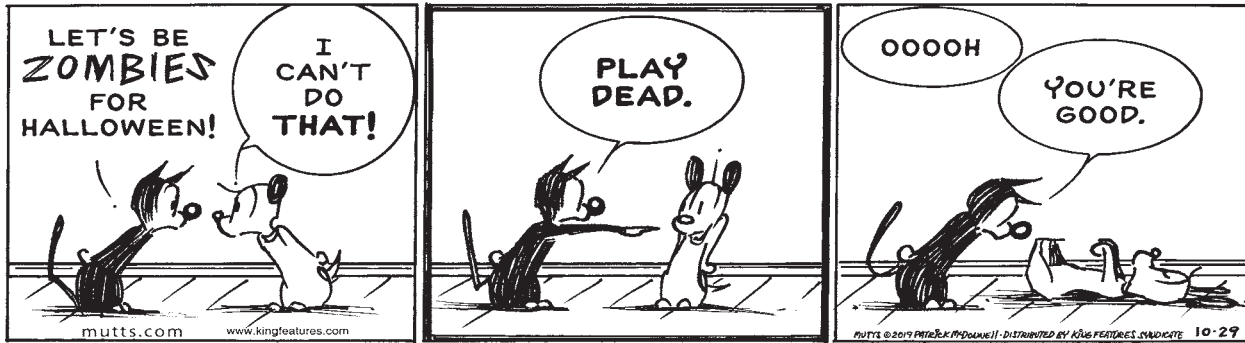
Stripping out one-time items, earnings were 72 cents per share. That's in line with the expectations of analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research. □



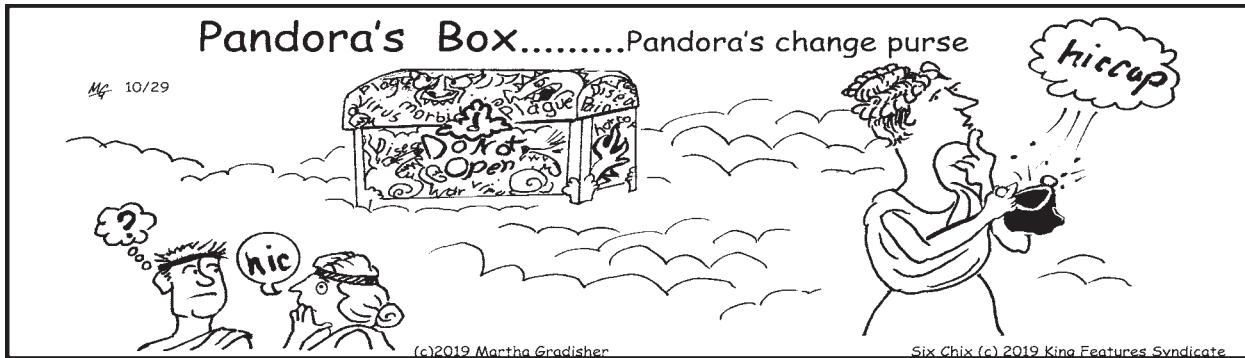
This July 31, 2019, file photo shows an Impossible Whopper burger at a Burger King restaurant in Alameda, Calif.

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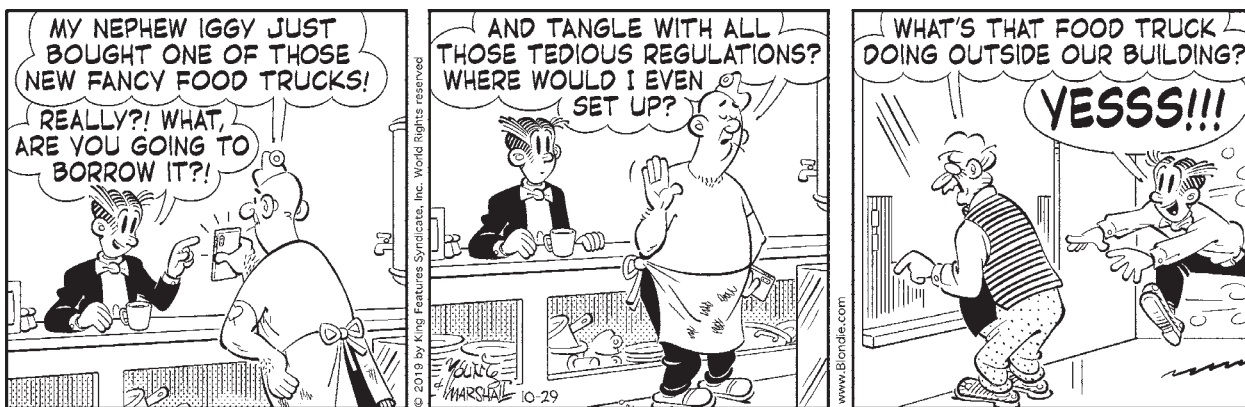
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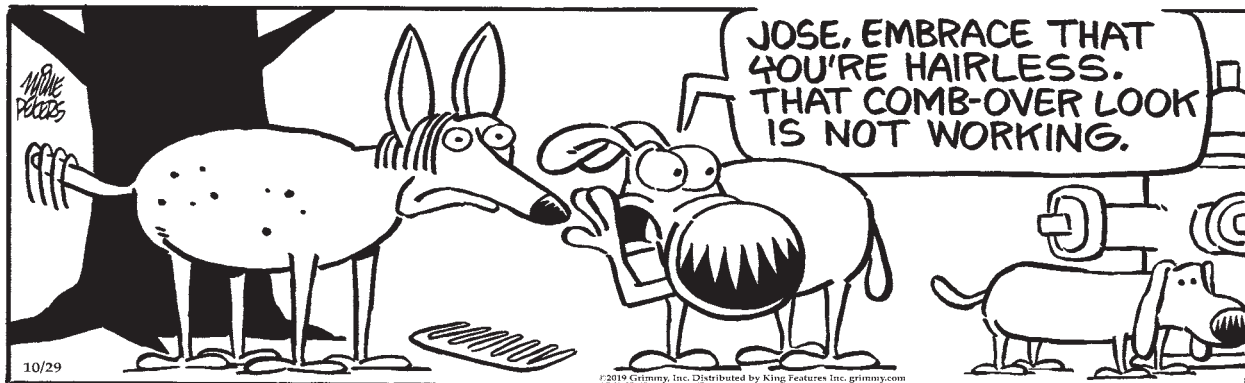
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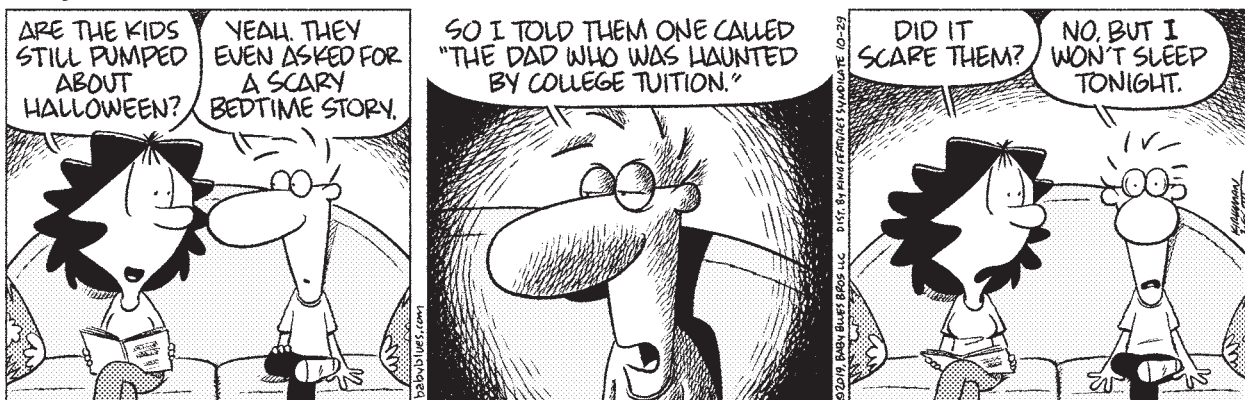
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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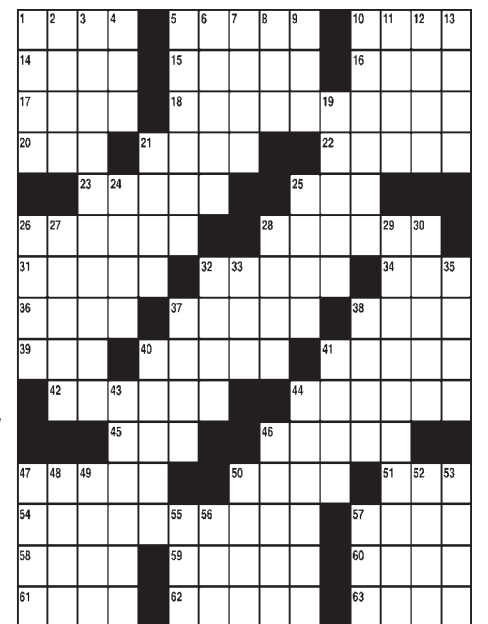
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- Send a parcel
- Reigned
- Noisy bird
- Commotion
- as the hills
- Bee colony
- Pinnacle
- Chagrined
- Verily, in the bible
- Lean-to
- Fib tellers
- Procrastinator's word
- Neither's companion
- Excuses
- Large Arizona city
- High-powered surgical beam
- Express gratitude to
- Bigwig, for short
- Actor Brad
- Uses a Kindle
- "_ job!"; cry to a deadbeat
- Lanka
- Nourishes
- Knox & Worth
- Climbed
- Forevermore
- Papa
- Old French currency
- Thief
- Cut coupons
- "_..." the season to be jolly..."
- Appalling
- Puerto
- Prayer closing
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- though; albeit
- Cribbage markers
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- NBA team

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Fire-ravaged forests get help from pine cone collectors

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ALONG THE BURNT MESA TRAIL, N.M. (AP) — With snow ready to fall, the scramble was on to collect as many ponderosa pine cones as possible.

A crew outfitted with spurs, ropes and hard hats scaled hefty tree trunks and used long clippers to snip branches loaded with the prickly orbs.

The cones being gathered in the Jemez Mountains of northern New Mexico represent the fruits of a bumper crop. Every decade or so, the trees turn out more seeds to ensure future propagation as a hedge against hungry predators and whatever other hurdles nature might throw at the species.

The cones will be dried, their seeds cleaned, sorted and grown into seedlings that can be used to reforest fire-scarred hillsides. Similar work is ongoing in Colorado, South Dakota and other places in the U.S. West.

With warmer temperatures, more frequent drought and the severity of wildfires on the rise, scientists say seed collection and reforestation efforts are becoming more important.

"We've had so many large, high-severity fires in the state, and without our intervention there is a possibility that some of those areas will never be forests again," said Sarah Hurteau with The Nature Conservancy in New Mexico. "What we're trying to do is collect the seed to help reforest these areas. This is a huge effort." The goal: 1 million seeds.

It might sound lofty, but those helping with the project in New Mexico and southern Colorado are looking to take advantage of a rare bumper crop this



In this Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019, photo Ponderosa pine cones sit on a tree stump after being cut open during a demonstration at Bandelier National Monument near Los Alamos, N.M.

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fall that has resulted from back-to-back summer and winter seasons of average to above-average rain and snow. This doesn't happen often in the arid Southwest, and scientists say it could become more infrequent as the climate changes.

Kyle Rodman, a post-doctoral research assistant at the University of Colorado Boulder, studied the density of seedlings that sprouted following fires between 1988 and 2010. In a study published this month, he and his colleagues found the absence of viable seeds can drastically hamper a forest's ability to recover and that some burned areas were more vulnerable than others.

"The ability of trees to produce seed has a huge im-

plication for natural recovery," he said. "If the seed is not being produced, then it can't get to the places that are disturbed, then the chances for the ecosystem to recover to that forested state are obviously pretty low."

In comes Steven Sandoval and his forestry crew from Santa Clara Pueblo, one of dozens of partners in the seed collecting effort. Sandoval's crew has been charged with scouting parts of Bandelier National Monument to locate those ponderosa stands with the greatest potential.

Cone picking is a science, much different than a leisurely stroll through the woods to collect cones from the forest floor. Crew members are looking for the perfect cones — no curves, no sap, no insect bore holes.

One such tree was standing not far from the trail atop Bandelier's Burnt Mesa. Loaded with cones, it took more than an hour to harvest.

Labor- and time-intensive, but necessary, says Meredith Prentice who leads a

seed crew with the Ecological Restoration Institute.

"There's a lot of catastrophic elements like wildfire and drought. It's being exacerbated by climate change, and so the pool of native species that we're able to get seed from is shrinking because their environments are getting destroyed," she said.

From their vantage point atop the mesa, the cone pickers can see for miles past the monument boundary and deeper into the canyons that make up the Jemez Mountains. It's a landscape that has seen several devastating fires in just the past 20 years.

Overall, the number of fires in the U.S. has decreased slightly over the past three decades, but the number of acres burned is on the rise. Every year since 2000, an average of 10,900 square miles (28,231 square kilometers) have been charred, according to figures compiled by the National Interagency Fire Center.

Last year marked a year of particularly dangerous and destructive fires. More than

100 lives were lost in California, with the Camp Fire accounting for most of those deaths. Nationwide, more than 25,000 structures were destroyed.

Far less land has burned this year, but scientists are confident in their predictions that the combination of overgrown forests and hotter, drier conditions increase the threat of catastrophic fires.

Santa Clara Pueblo has been among the hardest hit in New Mexico, with much of its watershed destroyed by fire in 2011. Sandoval said the tribe is fortunate because it began collecting native seed years earlier and had built up its own seed bank of ponderosa, Douglas fir, spruce and other pine variations.

The pueblo has gathered seeds from about 2.5 million trees in over a decade, he said. Some are stored in special freezers to ensure they last another century. Others are sent to nurseries in New Mexico and Arizona, where they are grown for post-fire restoration efforts.

Sandoval has one word for drought-hearty native seeds from lower elevations: "precious."

Similar work is happening in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where an estimated 2 million trees have been planted since 2003. Nevada and Utah also have seed banks.

This is the first year for collecting at Bandelier, where officials have requested that the seeds from each tree be kept separate to ensure a genetic profile. Crews also record details on the tree's location, elevation and measurements. Earlier this fall, Bandelier planted 6,000 seedlings from cones collected from the Jemez Mountains. Some were planted in study plots that will be monitored to see what planting strategies work best.

"We want to make the best use of this resource," said Kay Beeley, who has worked at Bandelier for nearly three decades. "It's renewable but not always available." □



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Allison Moorer details tragic family legacy in memoir

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer-songwriter Allison Moorer has long been hesitant to talk about the deaths of her parents when she was just 14, but it was no secret. The murder-suicide in 1986 was something Moorer and her older sister, Grammy-winning singer Shelby Lynne, avoided questions about their entire careers.

"Every editor, every journalist was told, 'Just don't ask her about it,'" Moorer said. "Well, of course that was what they all wanted to know."

Then in 2010, Moorer was interviewed by poet Maya Angelou and the topic came up. Moorer, who had just given birth to her son, John Henry, gave her a standard response that stuck to the facts, but glossed over the details.

Angelou's response was, "Yeah, but what are you gonna tell John Henry when he's old enough to ask?" Moorer recalled.

That prompted her to start a different kind of writing. It's taken her years to write "Blood," a memoir out on Tuesday with a companion album of the same name, to finally address the fam-



In this Oct. 8, 2019, photo, singer-songwriter Allison Moorer poses in Nashville, Tenn. to promote her memoir, "Blood," and her album of the same name.

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ily's tragic, dark secrets.

"I needed a larger form to tell the story," Moorer said.

"Blood" is a lyrical, poetic and haunting story of the girls' childhoods in rural Alabama and of their parents Vernon and Laura Lynn, whose stories encompass much more than the way they died. Her father was an alcoholic and physically abusive to both his wife and his children. Their

mother tried to leave him and protect her children, but from an early age, Moorer seemed to know that it would end in tragedy.

Moorer, who earned a master's degree while writing the book, dug through family pictures, recordings, lyrics, letters and even autopsy notes that spurred what she called active remembering.

"It's surprising how much we keep buried," Moorer said. "There were points during the writing of the book where I would literally hold onto my desk because I would be overwhelmed." Moorer split up the narrative into three parts, first dealing with her parents' fractured relationship, her father's violent fits of rage and her mother's natural musical voice. Then Moorer

reflected inward on how the two sisters dealt with the shame and abuse in different ways — both forever psychologically scarred at such a young age.

"I realized that when you are raised in an addictive household, you're taught, or are told either directly or indirectly to deny what you see, what you hear," Moorer said. "And most heartbreakingly what you feel. Because nobody's supposed to talk about Daddy's drinking."

The album came much quicker as she realized that she had been trying to tell parts of her family's story in song before, but it never felt complete. The album includes a song called "Cold Cold Earth," that she initially recorded in 2000 in an attempt to address all those reporters' questions. "Nightlight" is her ode to her older sister when she reached out for comfort as a scared little girl.

Lynne wrote the forward to the book, saying it "exemplifies how two sisters can face the most horrific situations and come out not only surviving them, but finding each other as women now." □

Masterpiece found in French woman's kitchen sells for \$26.6M

By THOMAS ADAMSON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — An old painting found in the kitchen of an elderly French woman, who considered it an icon of little importance, has made her a multimillionaire.

The work, a masterpiece attributed to the 13th-century Italian painter Cimabue that was discovered earlier this year, sold for 24 million euros (\$26.6 million) Sunday.

Dominique Le Coent of Acteon Auction House, who sold the masterpiece to an anonymous buyer near Chantilly, north of Paris, said the sale represented a "world record for a primitive, or a pre-1500 work."

"It's a painting that was unique, splendid and monumental. Cimabue was the

father of the Renaissance. But this sale goes beyond all our dreams," Le Coent told The Associated Press.

An auctioneer spotted the painting in June while inspecting a woman's house in Compiègne in northern France and suggested she bring it to experts for an evaluation. It hung on a wall between the kitchen and dining room.

The woman will now receive "the majority" of the sale money, the auction house said.

The expected sale price had been 4 million to 6 million euros (\$4.4 million to \$6.6 million).

Le Coent said experts were off the mark because it was the first time a Cimabue had ever gone under the hammer. "There's never been a Cimabue painting

on sale so there was no reference previously on how much it could make," he explained.

Titled "Christ Mocked," the painting measures about 10 inches by 8 inches (24 by 20 centimeters).

Art experts say it is likely part of a larger diptych that Cimabue painted around 1280, of which two other panels are displayed at the Frick Collection in New York and the National Gallery in London.

The painting's discovery has sent ripples of excitement through the art world. Cimabue, who taught Italian master Giotto, is widely considered the forefather of the Italian Renaissance. He broke from the Byzantine style popular in the Middle Ages and began to incorporate elements of



In this Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019 file photo, art expert Stephane Pinta points to a 13th-century painting by Italian master Cimabue in Paris, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019.

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movement and perspective that came to characterize Western painting. Specialists at the Turquin gallery in Paris initially examined the painting and concluded with "certitude" that it bore the hallmarks of

Cimabue.

Stephane Pinta, an art specialist with the Turquin, pointed to likenesses in facial expressions and build-ings, as well as the painter's techniques for conveying light and distance. □

Robert Evans, iconic producer of 'Chinatown,' dies at 89



This June 27, 2013 file photo shows Robert Evans at "Helmut Newton: White Women - Sleepless Nights - Big Nudes" exhibit opening at the Annenberg Space Photography in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Evans, the protean, fast-living Hollywood producer and former Paramount Pictures production chief who backed such seminal 1970s films as "Chinatown," "The Godfather" and "Harold and Maude," has died. He was 89.

Evans publicist, Monique Moss, confirmed that Evans died on Saturday. No other details Monday were immediately available.

His career was a story of comebacks and reinventions. Evans had launched a successful women's clothing line with his brother, Charles, and was visiting Los Angeles on business when actress Norma Shearer saw him sunbathing by the pool at the Beverly Hills Hotel. She persuaded producers to hire the handsome, dark-haired 26-year-old to play her late husband, movie mogul Irving Thalberg, in "Man of a Thousand Faces," a film about horror movie star Lon Chaney.

After acting roles faded, Evans re-emerged at Paramount and quickly converted the studio from a maker of mediocre films to the biggest hit machine in Hollywood, home to "The Godfather" and "Love Story" among others.

For decades, and with many flops in between, the ever-tanned, large glasses-wearing Evans was one of Hollywood's most outsized and flamboyant personalities, encapsulating the romance of a now bygone movie era where films were greenlit more on instinct than market research. He was married and divorced seven times. He was the model for Dustin Hoffman's petty-minded Hollywood producer in the 1997 satire "Wag the Dog."

"The higher you get, the lower you can fall," Evans mused in a 2003 interview. "You pick yourself up at the count of nine, you come back and win and be done with it. I believe in being a survivor."

The title of his 1994 memoir, "The Kid Stays in the Picture"

(later turned into a 2002 documentary) came from an early story of his improbable success.

After he appeared in "Man of a Thousand Faces" Darryl Zanuck signed Evans to a contract at Twentieth Century Fox and cast him as a bullfighter in "The Sun Also Rises." The filmmakers insisted the young actor wasn't right for the role, so Zanuck went to Mexico City, where the film was being made, to see for himself. His verdict: "The kid stays in the picture."

It was Evans who optioned "The Godfather" while Mario Puzo was writing it. As Paramount chief, Evans presided over Francis Ford Coppola's production but his role in the movie, itself, has sometimes been exaggerated — including by Evans, himself. But Coppola recalled Evans fondly on Monday, recollecting the producer's "charm, good looks, enthusiasm, style and sense of humor."

"He had strong instincts as evidenced by the long list of great films in his career. When I worked with Bob, some of his helpful ideas included suggesting John Marley as Woltz and Sterling Hayden as the Police Captain, and his ultimate realization that 'The Godfather' could be 2 hours and 45 minutes in length," said Coppola, also noting Evans' contributions to "The Cotton Club."

"May the kid always stay in the picture," added Coppola.

Evans was born Robert J. Shapera in New York, the second son of Archie Shapera, a dentist, and his wife, Florence, a homemaker. He began acting in radio while in junior high school, going on to appear in more than 300 shows.

After "The Sun Also Rises," Evans left Hollywood to join his brother in the clothing business, but was lured back in 1966 when Zanuck offered him a three-picture contract as a producer. That same year Paramount Pictures hired him to head production.

From 1966 to 1974 Evans presided over such hits as

"The Odd Couple," "Rosemary's Baby" and "Goodbye, Columbus." He was a pivotal figure not only restoring Paramount but in a halcyon period of auteur-driven moviemaking, backed storied directors including Sidney Lumet, Hal Ashby and Peter Bogdanovich.

Albert Ruddy, who won an Oscar as producer of "The Godfather," credited Evans with filling an essential role in the picture's success. When Paramount's head of distribution objected to the nearly three-hour running time, Evans backed up the filmmakers and insisted that the movie not be cut.

"He said, 'I'll quit before I cut the movie,'" Ruddy said Monday. "He saved the movie."

Evans didn't share in Paramount's prosperity, however. He wasn't granted any bonuses, and his string of marriages and divorces drained away much of the money he did make. After brief marriages to actresses Sharon Hugueny and Camilla Sparv, he married MacGraw, who became a star with her performance in "Goodbye, Columbus." She gave birth to Evans' only child, Joshua.

MacGraw became a superstar after "Love Story," then went off to Texas to spend four months making "The Getaway" with Steve McQueen, with whom she had one of Hollywood's more notable affairs. She and Evans divorced in 1972 and he married former Miss America Phyllis George in 1977. They split a year later. Meanwhile, Evans had formed his own production company, and he quickly turned out one of the biggest hits of 1974, Roman Polanski's "Chinatown." It earned Evans his lone Oscar nomination.

The next decades brought a period of failures, however, including Coppola's "The Cotton Club," and the "Chinatown" sequel "The Two Jakes" and the thrillers "Sliver" and "Jade." In 1980 he pleaded guilty to cocaine possession and was placed on a year's probation. □

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New Sept. 11 exhibit stages the hunt for Osama bin Laden

By VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Declassified U.S. government documents and artifacts will be part of a new exhibit about the decade-long search for Osama bin Laden at the site of the New York terrorist attack he masterminded. "Revealed: The Hunt for Bin Laden" opens Nov. 15 at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, a multimedia account of the mission that ended with bin Laden's death in Pakistan in 2011.

With direct access to the operatives who led America's feverish post-9/11 hunt for the top terrorist, the exhibit presents a sort of whodunit drama with graphics, videos and the voices of the protagonists. Those include intelligence agents, former President Barack Obama and members of the U.S. Navy SEALs team that raided the compound where bin Laden was shot and killed in his bedroom.



In this artist's rendering provided by C&G Partners, the exhibit "Revealed: The Hunt for Bin Laden," is shown at the National September 11 Museum in New York.

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"This is essentially a kind of crime story, however, at a horrific scale of crime and at a global scale of pursuit, with many trials and tribulations," the exhibit's main designer, Jonathan Alger, said Wednesday at a news conference at the museum.

"The entire space is cinematic," he said. "At the time, every single minute

and second, it was a cliff-hanger."

Photos show the scenes of the search, including caves and a wild mountain range in Afghanistan where bin Laden was believed to be hiding. He was under protection of the Taliban, which issued al-Qaida members passports allowing them to move around

freely.

One of those passports will be displayed, along with enrollment forms used by al-Qaida to recruit new members.

In other images, American anti-terrorism military units are seen on terrain they're combing for possible clues to bin Laden's whereabouts. A trunk on display

contains items collected during U.S. raids, including some from bin Laden's compound.

A declassified, pre-9/11 U.S. intelligence document reveals: "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in US."

An artifact on display from his al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan is a blue wall fragment seen in propaganda videos featuring bin Laden.

The presentation titles one section "Gains and Setbacks," and details the U.S. failure to catch bin Laden before he fled Afghanistan.

"We were working on it; we just didn't do enough," said Mark Kelton, the former CIA chief in Pakistan in charge of the bin Laden compound operation.

Speaking at the news conference, Kelton's voice broke with emotion as he remembered that after bin Laden was gone, he told American colleagues in Pakistan "that we had delivered justice to a murderer." □

'Seinfeld' star Alexander, Southside Johnny in NJ fame hall

By WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press

ASBURY PARK, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey rock royalty was onstage Sunday night in the state's musical cradle as rocker Jon Bon Jovi brought soulful crooner Southside Johnny Lyon with him into the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

The two rockers played a duet at Asbury Park's Convention Hall, a place where both had performed many times on their way up from Jersey shore local bar bands to worldwide stars. Bon Jovi and Southside collaborated on "I Don't Wanna Go Home," backed by the band Kings of Suburbia. "I am very proud to be from New Jersey," said Lyon, who is from Neptune and best known for his cover of "We're Having A Party," the Sam Cooke standard. "When we started out making music, making records, that was not something you could say. If you tried to play in New York City and you said you were a New



In this Oct. 30, 2017, file photo, Jason Alexander attends a special screening of Marvel Studios' "Thor: Ragnarok", hosted by The Cinema Society, at The Whitby Hotel in New York.

Associated Press

Jersey band, they didn't want you.

"I learned from going to New York and Philadelphia and other places to play

that there was an axe to grind," said Lyon, whose hits also include "Talk To Me" and "Trapped Again." "It made me stronger, more

aggressive, and I worked my ass off."

Bon Jovi, a Sayreville native, recalled his days in Asbury Park as a teen rocker

playing in clubs where he was too young to legally buy a drink, and credited Richie "LaBamba" Rosenberg, a member of Southside's Asbury Jukes, with showing him the right way to play several soul songs.

"Without Southside Johnny, there never would have been a Jon Bon Jovi," Bon Jovi said. "I always wanted to be an Asbury Juke," calling the band's leader "a friend, a mentor, a bad influence and sometimes a cranky S.O.B."

Bon Jovi and Southside's performance came shortly after the induction of The Smithereens, the pop rock band with members from Carteret and Scotch Plains whose hits include "Blood And Roses," and "A Girl Like You."

In the performing arts category, Jason Alexander, who grew up in Livingston and played the iconic character George Costanza on "Seinfeld," was inducted. He called the award "a very unexpected honor." □

Museum spotlights connection between Matisse, Alaska Natives

By **TERRY TANG**
Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Nearly 64 years after his death, Henri Matisse has become one of the few non-Native Americans to have an exhibition at a Phoenix museum dedicated to Native American culture.

The little-known intersection of one of the 20th century's greatest artists and Inuit people in the Arctic region is at the heart of a show opening Monday at the Heard Museum.

"It's a story I didn't know much about until 1998 when I became friendly with a member of the Matisse family," said museum director David Roche. "It truly took several years to absorb it all. It spans centuries, cultures and continents."

"Yua: Henri Matisse and the Inner Arctic Spirit" will feature Matisse's portraits of the Inuit people, which have never been displayed in the U.S. But the French artist, who died in 1954, will share the spotlight with Alaska Natives who influenced him. Yup'ik masks made by Alaskan Natives, some of which were collected by Matisse's son-in-law during World War II, will be just as much a part of the exhibit.

The Heard is the only place showcasing the unconventional pairing.

"We have a lot of historic firsts in this particular work," said curator Sean Mooney. "We're kind of doing an exhibition within an exhibition by having these two parallel displays of historic Yup'ik



Curator Sean Mooney checks the final installation of an assortment of Yup'ik masks made by Alaskan Natives at the Heard Museum, Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018, in Phoenix.

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masks and this very specific historic body of work by Matisse."

Matisse is more widely lauded as a pioneer in Fauvism — a style characterized by vivid colors and less controlled brush strokes. But he became interested in indigenous cultures in the 1940s. Son-in-law Georges Duthuit had acquired an array of the masks and other materials while living in New York City as World War II broke out, Mooney said. In 1946, Duthuit returned to France with his collection.

He and Matisse's daughter, Marguerite, suggested Matisse do three illustrations for a proposed book on the Arctic people. He made 50. Matisse, according to Mooney, looked at masks made of wood, feath-

ers and other materials, and two books with photographs of Inuit men and women. The museum will have several black-and-white portraits, including charcoal drawings and lithographs. Taken with the culture, Matisse even began referring to any portrait he did as a mask.

"With a stroke, he created what he called masks," said co-curator Chuna McIntyre, who is Central Yup'ik. "He got the essence. It's amazing — pared down, quiet interior, personal creations."

Villagers would traditionally tell stories with the masks through song or dance, paying respect to "yua." According to the Yup'ik culture, "yua" means spirit but can also refer to the spirit inside living creatures, inanimate objects and their connection to each other. "Everything that exists in this universe has the potential of yua because it exists here. That's an old concept in Yup'ik," McIntyre said. "There's a whole gravity to it. Yua — it's in a being, it's in a person."

Yup'ik Eskimos comprise one of 11 distinct cultures among Alaska Natives in the southwest part of the state, according to the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Marge Nakak, a cultural host at the center,

said masks are traditionally worn at annual festivals between Native villages during a gathering known as a potlatch.

Historically, the masks were discarded after a ceremony. Sometimes they were burned or left on the tundra, Nakak said.

Some American Indian cultures would not consider showing ceremonial items such as masks because they consider them to be living beings not meant for display. Yup'ik people, on the other hand, tend to be more transparent, McIntyre said. He said the masks always have been intended to be shared in public performance.

"We Yup'iks feel in terms of museum collections, muse-

ums are caretakers of our civilizations' treasures. That's important to say," McIntyre said.

In the early 20th century, the masks and Native cultures in general gained a following among traders and collectors who were interested in preservation, Mooney said. Many masks ended up in museums. George Gustav Heye, whose vast collection of Native American objects shaped the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, was one of the leaders in bringing artifacts to New York City, where they came into the orbit of the French intelligentsia.

Masks typically are created in pairs or other groupings to represent symbolic relationships such as male and female, or night and day. So, the show will mean reuniting masks that have been separated for, in some cases, a century, museum director Roche said. After the exhibition closes Feb. 3, some masks will go on display in Alaska.

Some people may question giving space at a museum for American Indian artists to a white, European one. But Roche said the exhibition has immense support because of its duality.

"The Heard has been a leader in presenting American Indian art with great sensitivity," Roche said. "I think it's meaningful that we are working in this way. I think stories, to be told well, often have to be told from multiple perspectives." □



An assortment of Yup'ik masks made by Alaskan Natives are displayed at the Heard Museum, Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018, in Phoenix.

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Heard Museum associate registrar Kristen Laughlin checks the light balance on a pair of Matisse drawings during final preparations, Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018, in Phoenix.

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